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OF THE
PLAYGROUNDS AND VACATION SCHOOLS
OF NORTH SIDE, PITTSBURGH
FORMERLY THE CITY OF ALLEGHENY



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Including Reports of the Eighteen School Playgrounds and Vacation Schools, Phipps Recreation Park, Nunnery Hill Ball Park, the Woods Run Playground, Home for Colored Children Playground, Swimming School for Girls in West Park at Lake Elizabeth and the First Allegheny Day Nursery and Temporary Home for Children Playground, which are in charge of the Playground and Vacation School Association of Allegheny.

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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

During the first five years of the work of our association the playgrounds and vacation schools opened the first of July and closed early in August; but now six of them continue throughout the entire year. Two years ago we had four in active operation; and we have opened two more since last September. These are wonderfully helpful not only to our girls and boys but to the adults of the neighborhoods. The schools are thus becoming the centers of social life in these districts. We have been careful to select localities in which work of this kind was absolutely needed and had never been done except in the summer, when it was under the care of our association.

The new social centers, or winter playgrounds, are in the old Twelfth Ward School on Nunnery Hill and in the Meyran Avenue Fifteenth Ward School. In the former building we have classes five afternoons and evenings each week, and occasionally on the sixth afternoon as well. These are for children and adults; and the attendance is only limited by our ability to provide teachers. It is an inspiring sight to witness the pleasure of the crowds who attend our entertainments there. The best of order prevails; and the citizens of the "Hill" are deeply grateful for our efforts in their behalf. Old Allegheny is rich in hills, as many of us discover to our cost on the hot summer mornings when cars run on a twenty minute schedule and time is so precious that much walking is inevitable. The writer also found they were equally difficult when icecovered, and the mercury ran near the zero point. Though these numerous hills are all named when the residents thereon refer to their own it is always as "the hill."

Though a number of entertainments were given in the Nunnery Hill building where true settlement work is being successfully done, as the head worker has taken up her residence in the immediate vicinity of the school, the most ambitious one was at the Christmas season. Every room was thronged with happy visitors, and the attendance of fathers, as well as mothers, was surprisingly large. The gymnastic drills of the boys and the graceful calisthenics of the girls called forth unbounded applause for both leader and performers. We long since discovered that the most pleasing and popular entertainers are the children themselves. We do not favor long and tiresome rehearsals, as we feel it is not right to take the time of the little ones during school sessions, and thus interfere with their studies, by overburdening them.

Their parents and neighbors, even the young men and women, seem to prefer to see them at work and at play, as they are

each day. Of course the corner which held the big Christmas tree was the star attraction. It owed its beauty entirely to the busy fingers of the boys and girls who had manufactured all its ornaments and fashioned the gifts it held for their own dear ones—father, mother, brothers and sisters, with some precious packages to be treasured by fond grandparents. It was an old fashioned Christmas tree decked with strings of cranberries and cotton snow, intermingled with the kindergarten chains; but it had a beauty of its own; and it represented not money but love. One small lassie who had but recently arrived from Scotland remarked that she “was glad they had come to America; because they had no playgrounds over there.” Her father joined in her praise of our playground methods.

The other new center is doing excellent work. It is installed in a location which never even had a summer playground until last year. We were fortunate to secure the wife of the school principal as our new chairman for the July and August term. We soon found that in securing her we had gotten her husband also. Both spent their vacation in the school building and yard; and found a very happy one in bringing happiness to others. When the writer entered the Meyran Avenue School early on the morning of the opening day, July fifth, she found the Principal busily engaged with the teachers and volunteers in sorting out the children of the different ages and ascertaining the individual preferences as to classes. In a short time everything was moving as smoothly in this new place as if it were one of our “old sand schools” as the youngsters say. It is a curious fact that the first thing which impresses them is the big boxes overflowing with clean sand and the shiny new buckets and paddles.

From there the writer went to the other new playground, both being located in the North End which is the local designation of the Perrysville Avenue Hill district, but a long distance from it. This is our third institutional playground; and it touched the hearts of all visitors to witness the happiness of the little ones here. Their gratitude for the smallest service was pathetic. Many, if not all, of the inmates of the First Allegheny Day Nursery and Temporary Home for Children are the victims of the sins of others and of an unfortunate environment; and the only home they will ever know during childhood is one with a capital H. It is fortunate they have such a comfortable one and are so well cared for; but still, at best, it is so different; and they are unavoidably different from those lovingly nurtured children, even in the poorest homes, who are rich in the love of good fathers and mothers.

One day the kindergartner overheard a small boy, who was playing in the sand, say to the others “I think it is lovely when fathers are dead, don’t you?” And they all agreed that it was. Think of the sad memories in their childish hearts which forced

them to such a conclusion. Upon investigation, not through these boys and girls of course, but from those in charge of the Home it was learned that the father of the boy making such a seemingly unnatural statement was then in jail for trying to murder the mother, who was then in a hospital as the result of her wounds. Do you wonder that it was a joy to make such little ones smile and forget their woes? Could money be better spent?

Many of the inmates of the Nursery, for we soon shortened the official name for greater convenience, were Juvenile Court children. Nowhere did we find more loyal friends than these. They are starving for love and richly repaid our affection. Our Secretary had not been on the grounds five minutes until we discovered her sitting on the edge of a sand box with a baby on each knee. Fortunately the location is good and there is plenty of sunshine and fresh air. "In the shade of the old apple tree" the wee tots dug in the sand; and sang their kindergarten songs and played their games. Nearby stood an unused barn which was utilized as a work room by the older ones. They kept it scrupulously clean; and it was delightfully cool even on a hot morning. The closing entertainment there was well-planned and successfully carried out. We had intended to have a five weeks session; but the plea of the children prevailed; and it was extended to two months. With regret we said goodbye to our little friends; and made many promises for next year. Nowhere in the city were the little bouquets treasured more than here; for they were their "very, very own posies, so they were."

These two playgrounds added to the twenty-two of 1910 gave us a wide field for service, eighteen schools, three institutions, two parks, though one was only a ball park, and our swimming school. Detailed accounts of their activities are to be found elsewhere in our report.

The intense heat of an unusually hot and dry summer made our work harder than ever before; but it was not less well done on that account. It was only harder in the doing. The days of the Institute, July first and third, were of torrid temperatures; but we were not in the direct rays of the sun as a few of us, and many of the children were in the West Park on the morning of July fourth. The thought that sustained the adults was that we were assisting in the celebration of a safe and sane Fourth. The boys and girls never seem to be affected by the sun. They played as vigorously and untiringly as if the thermometer had stood at seventy instead of one hundred.

The exercises were beautifully given under the direction of our game supervisors and teachers, though the younger children were principally from the old first ward and the Woods Run district. The audience was large and enthusiastic and applauded vigorously. One very popular feature was the drills by the girls

from the sixth ward, under Walter Shook. The free play of the little ones seemed to please the older people better than anything else. One old gentleman remarked in a loud tone "It is the best Fourth of July celebration I ever saw in my life;" and he must have witnessed many. In the afternoon a water festival was held on Lake Elizabeth; and our boys and girls must have been much cooler than they had been earlier in the day. Requests are already being made to us for next year.

On the morning of July 5th we held our formal opening all over the city; and the reports of chairmen, teachers and volunteers testify to the hearty welcome accorded them everywhere. As we deem our curriculum already sufficiently broad we did not enlarge it. As it is it holds all our little charges and provides them with sufficient handicraft to fascinate and train them in habits of industry. Most of them have made up their minds before they come which classes they wish to enter. In fact they frequently tell us the previous year. Decision is a quality which the majority possess to a high degree. Not only do they know in which department they wish to register; but they know the things they desire to make. As they sometimes choose injudiciously, articles far beyond their ability, we must reason with them and suggest others; and they usually end in agreeing with us pleasantly.

For seven years our devoted Treasurer and Chairman of Equipment and Supplies have been tireless. The Treasurer's duties extend over the whole year now. Our faithful chairmen labored as assiduously as in previous summers; and give the reports of their schools in entertaining fashion in subsequent pages. No praise can be too high for them all; but their reward is great; they can see results here and now. Possibly the committees were smaller in some schools; but that only meant more service from the rest. Perhaps no persons in the city understand and appreciate more what we are really doing for the city children than our school principals. Their cooperation has meant much to us and sympathy and appreciation do help.

Councils again furnished the bulk of our support. Both Select and Common Council passed our ordinance unanimously and it was signed by the Mayor. The Controllor and the Director of Public Works were always kind and helpful in every way. Our list of private contributors is not a large one; but we are able to count upon their support from season to season; and we are deeply grateful to them for their continued interest in the playground children. The smaller Councilmanic Body has heard our petition and granted us the money for 1912 work. In the near future we trust that the amount set aside for us in the recent bond issue will be used for the purchase of ground for playground purposes. Representatives of our association have met with the City Planning Commission and have recommended to them and

to the Mayor, as well as to the nine Councilmen certain properties, which we deem it advisable to purchase before the land increases in value.

For the past twelve years the writer has been annually petitioning the local Boards of the North Side for permission to install playgrounds and was never refused and it seems curious not to be obliged to do so this year. It is still more curious for her to realize that she is now a member of the only Board to which it will be necessary to apply, and that she herself can vote on the question. Under the new School Code all school matters of the Greater Pittsburgh are now under the control of the Board of Public Education, a body of twelve men and three women, appointed by the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas last fall. The writer made no effort to secure the position and was greatly surprised when informed of her appointment. It is a great honor; but carries with it great responsibilities and much work as well as wonderful opportunities for service to the entire community. The thing which touched her most deeply was the joy of the children over it and the approval of the school people. Our relations have always been pleasant. Playground and vacation school association unites us in a common bond and lifelong friendships are cemented.

The past season there were a number of special events. After arranging a beautiful field day at Phipps Park the rain came down in torrents just as the band began to play and the different divisions marched upon the field. At first we hoped it was a passing shower, but it proved otherwise. The only thing to do was to get the children and teachers under shelter while our large audience dispersed. Everyone accepted the situation cheerfully and the field house rang with the songs of the youngsters. Nothing daunted, we tried it again another day and successfully next time. A fine programme was carried out.

In compliance with the request of Miss Alicia M. Zierden, Curator of the Department of Education of the State Museum at Harrisburg, we sent her a fine exhibit from the many departments of our vacation schools. Our pupils were proud and happy to donate the articles plainly marked with their names and schools. We already had an exhibit there, but this is still better, as we have advanced our standard yearly.

A happy thought occurred to us; and we wrote to Mrs. Edward W. Biddle of Carlisle asking permission to take our exhibit to Erie in October and use it to promote Pittsburgh's progress and help the cause of playgrounds everywhere by showing it at the annual meeting of the State Federation of Pennsylvania Women. This was granted and we thank Mrs. Charles McKnight of Sewickley for her help. One of the greatest attractions at that meeting was our exhibit, which was tastefully ar-

ranged in a front room on the ground floor of the Masonic Building where the meetings were held.

Miss Jane Pressly, Mrs. George Kalb, and Mrs. John Jordan Jr., of Erie, were of great assistance to us. The writer had charge of it and answered all inquiries concerning it. The room was crowded with visitors before and after the meetings and during the noon recess, Mrs. Philip Moore, National President, Mrs. Biddle and Mrs. Samuel Semple the new President highly commended us. The second morning a request came from the school authorities of Erie and the general public, that "as it was of such great educational value" we "keep it open all day and evening." This was done, a young girl being in charge while the writer was attending the meetings. Lack of space prevents the insertion of the very flattering press notices which appeared daily in all the Erie papers. We hereby acknowledge their courtesy, also that of the Woman's Club of Erie which, at its next meeting passed a resolution thanking us for having brought such a fine exhibit there and thus aiding in the success of the State Federation meeting. Miss Mary S. Garretson, Art Supervisor of the North Side Schools was in charge of a fine exhibit of drawings and paintings and Miss Crow had a number from the Erie public schools. A few bits of needlework represented the Erie playground.

The children's booth at the Exposition was exceptionally attractive last autumn; and 3,750 visitors (adults) registered in our guest book. That also promotes Pittsburgh's progress as many thus learn what we are doing for the little ones when they see the tangible results displayed. These articles are all returned to the boys and girls who gladly loan them to us, feeling proud to have them chosen.

Exhibition days were closing events everywhere and were joyous occasions, tintured with sorrow, because the end of the session was approaching. Our school houses are the gayest places in the city during the summer, overflowing with happy boys and girls who would otherwise be on the streets, the majority of them. Fridays are still flower days and our friends worked hard last year to send us enough to supply everybody, but the weather was unfavorable. Insufficient rain shortened the bloom every where. After the first two weeks we had enough, but the bunches were smaller than ever before. We appreciate the valuable work of our flower chairmen. Our flower secretary was abroad, but the secretary pro tem rendered efficient service, and our workers in the central office and in the suburbs were untiring.

During 1909 and 1910 we have been blessed with aquatic privileges—three "seaside resorts." Two are pools in the Irwin Avenue and Sixth Ward Schools and the out door one the Lake Elizabeth in West Park. Eight thousand dips were taken by our girls last summer in the last named, and from statistics



DRILLING ON FIELD DAY.

Photograph by Mrs. Cowley.



MARCHING AT PHIPPS PARK.

Photograph by Mrs. Cowley.

furnished by Arthur Graham we learn that 98,098 persons by swimming, boating and skating availed themselves of its privileges during the year. That is a beauty spot well worth while and the banks are usually lined with spectators.

Director Armstrong, Mr. Burke and Mr. Moore of the parks approve of us

Again we place before you the words of nearly one hundred and seventy-five people. We hesitated to again offer our book in such personal form; but were finally persuaded it was the proper thing to do. We quote from a letter received from one of the largest training schools in Massachusetts: "We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your Sixth Annual Report. Your reports have all been valuable, but this last one is preeminently so on account of the number of separate reports contained and the detail into which the different contributors have gone concerning their respective classes of work. We shall place this in our playground file, and wish to thank you for remembering us." This and similar comments aided us in deciding.

As our minds wander back to the summer of 1911 we forget the hard things and the trials; and smile over the many droll happenings and quaint sayings of our little friends. We seem to hear the five little chickadees "sitting on the sun" and singing cheerfully of the fact—not withstanding their seemingly uncomfortable position. We smile as we recall the young volunteer who was so enraptured with the kindergarten that she sang "Grass-hopper green" constantly while at home in the afternoon and evening, which proved anything but entertaining to her family and the neighbors. Her friend and able coworker was a pronounced babylover, and all visitors to that new playground had to inspect and admire the mascot and monarch of all he surveyed—a fat baby boy. One day when this same young woman was asked to do something else she reluctantly gave up her charge for a moment and in telling of it said "I wish you had seen the rest grab for him." He was a darling!

Some of the teachers and volunteers entertained occasionally; and we have visions of one sewing class of twenty-three girls who played games on a lawn one hot summer night and enjoyed ices and cake under the light not only of the moon, but of Japanese lanterns swinging from the gently-swaying branches of the trees. A sewing class visited only a few weeks ago, on a cold, snowy night, was having even a better time down in the Phipps Field House. It was composed of twenty-seven boys making their own shirts and shirt waists; and it was by their own request. The garments are now finished and being proudly worn by their owners.

Boys love to be praised. One morning the "gang" in the Chestnut Street Third Ward constructed a National Park in one of the sand boxes. A bucketful of water served as a lake, while

flies floating on the surface were the fish. A "really-truly" sign proclaimed "No fishing here." A race track was constructed with—"Races here today." Many "Keep off the grass" signs were in evidence. The natural bridge of Virginia and Yosemite Valley were in close proximity. Tunnels, flag stations and armories, with wigwams for Indians and Eskimos gave plenty of variety to the landscape. These young builders encamped about this sand box with their brooms and defended it as they said "from the kids" until the person for whom they watched came through the gate; and gladly praised their ingenuity. They had built it once before on the chance of her visit; but it had fallen a prey to the "kids" that time.

The writer during the twenty-five days of the short session paid eighty-one visits to the playgrounds, a few of these being to afternoon classes; and helped each Friday morning in the flower distribution somewhere, after over two hours spent in sending out the blossom-laden baskets to all schools. Thursday afternoons were of course given over to the teacher's meetings. Altogether the summer's work was satisfying. It could not well have been busier; and if both body and brain were tired it was in a good cause. It is a great and humane work to care for God's little city children, who cannot roam at will over forest and field; but must find substitute playgrounds somewhere within the city.

MARY JUNKIN BUCHANAN COWLEY,

President.

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 1911.

Each year our work reaches beyond the limits of the previous year and extends its activities into new schools and playgrounds.

Twenty-four schools and playgrounds were conducted by the Association this summer. During the winter, work was successfully carried on in the Spring Hill Seventh Ward, the Eighth Ward, the Thirteenth Ward, and in the Phipps Park, two being added later.

Through the courtesy of the Carnegie Free Library, of Allegheny our meetings were held in the office. Five regular meetings and one special meeting were held from February to June, inclusive.

Organizations represented by delegates and alternates and contributing money, personal service, or both, are as follows:

Home and Hospital Club of Bellevue.

Neighborhood Committee.

New Era Club.

Traveller's Club.

Willing Workers.

Sunshine Club.

Fourth Ward Up-to-Date Club.

Summer Work Club.

Independent Workers.

Woman's Club of Sewickley Valley.

The Tourists.

Friendly Sisters.

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Woman's Literary Club of Bellevue.

Fine View Club.

Sandusky Street Baptist Band of Workers.

Woman's Club of Ben Avon.

North End Club.

W. R. Club.

Lend-a-Hand Club.

Ladies Auxiliary to Ascalon Commandery.

Ladies Alliance North Side Unitarian Church.

Pittsburgh Chapter, Daughters American Revolution.

Committee from Board of Home for Colored Children.

The twenty-four playground and vacation schools of 1911 were under the care of the following volunteer committees:

1. PHIPPS RECREATION PARK—
Home and Hospital Club of Bellevue.
Mrs. E. G. Whitehead, Chairman.
2. SHERMAN AVENUE SECOND WARD—
New Era Club.
Mrs. Henry J. Cook, Chairman.
3. IRWIN AVENUE SECOND WARD—
Neighborhood Committee.
Mrs. David Hastings, Chairman.
4. CHESTNUT STREET THIRD WARD—
Lend-a-Hand Club—
Miss Edna M. Elliott, Chairman.
5. FOURTH WARD No 2—
Fourth Ward Up-to-Date Club.
Miss Helena S. Voegtly, Chairman.
6. FIFTH WARD—
Summer Work Club.
Mrs. C. C. Bippus, Chairman.
7. SIXTH WARD—
Travellers' Club.
Mrs. R. H. Gilliford, Chairman.
8. SPRING GARDEN AVENUE SEVENTH WARD—
Independent Workers.
Mrs. Frederick Beehner, Chairman.

9. SPRING HILL SEVENTH WARD—
Willing Workers.
Miss Eleanor C. Lang, Chairman.
10. EIGHTH WARD—
Sunshine Club.
Mrs. H. Frank Borland, Chairman.
11. NINTH WARD—
Woman's Club of Sewickley Valley.
Mrs. James Adair, Chairmen.
Mrs. Wallis Tener.
Mrs. Charles McKnight.
Mrs. C. E. Postlethwaite.
Miss Margaret Adair.
12. EAST STREET TENTH WARD—
The Tourists.
Mrs D. N. Bulford, Chairman.
13. CHARLES STREET TENTH WARD—
Friendly Sisters.
Miss Grace McCafferty, Chairman.
14. SHADY AVENUE ELEVENTH WARD—
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Mrs. John Konle, Chairman.
15. EAST STREET TWELFTH WARD—
The Woman's Literary Club of Bellevue.
Mrs. E. P. Russell, Chairman.
16. FINE VIEW AVENUE TWELFTH WARD—
Fine View Club.
Mrs. E. S. Giles, Chairman.
17. THIRTEENTH WARD—
Sandusky Street Baptist Band of Workers.
Mrs. Charles R. Coffin, Chairman.
18. HALL STREET FIFTEENTH WARD—
Woman's Club of Ben Avon.
Miss Juliet Knox, Chairman.
Miss Anna Trimble, Vice-Chairman.

19. MEYRAN AVENUE FIFTEENTH WARD—
North End Club.
Mrs. John H. Chatham, Chairman.
20. WOODS RUN PLAYGROUNDS—
The W. R. Club.
Mrs. Adelia Steel Fueller, Chairman.
21. NUNNERY HILL PARK—
Nunnery Hill Athletic Association.
22. TERMON AVENUE HOME PLAYGROUND—
Committee from Board of Managers.
Miss Dessa M. James, Chairman.
23. SWIMMING SCHOOL FOR GIRLS—(Lake Elizabeth, West Park.)
24. FIRST ALLEGHENY DAY NURSERY AND TEMPORARY HOME
FOR CHILDREN PLAYGROUND—(In Perrysville Avenue.)

Owing to the growth of our work and its continuance through out the year the Association this year created the position of Supervisor and offered it to Mrs. John Cowley, on condition that she also continue to serve as President of our Association; and that she accept a salary for the new office. Mrs. Cowley for over ten years gave freely of her time and strength as a volunteer worker, receiving no pay during all these years. Hers was a work of love for the little children of the North Side—her reward the love of the children, the respect of their parents and a better citizenship for the community. This position had been suggested to her long ago, for we knew she was giving almost her entire time to the work; but she declined to consider it until circumstances rendered it impossible for her to continue to give volunteer service. In February she became our Supervisor. For nearly eight years her home has been freely given to the Association to use as headquarters—thus saving the yearly rental of an office. She has never had a paid secretary; and has carried on, unaided, a correspondence with many hundreds of applicants for positions each year. Only those who are working with her know the heavy burden of work she has been so cheerfully carrying all these years.

Through the courtesy of the High School Committee our Annual Meeting was held in the Board of Controllers room on the afternoon of November first, After an interesting talk by the President, the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were read, followed by the reports of the chairmen of the different playgrounds. The annual election was held resulting in the unanimous election of the following persons: President, Mrs. John Cowley; Secretary, Miss Mame M. Stoner; Treasurer, Mrs. Edward A. Jones; Directors, Mrs. G. L. W. Price, Mrs. James Adair, Mrs. David Hastings, Miss Eleanor C. Lang, Mrs. R. H. Gilliford, Mrs. E. S. Giles.

Respectfully submitted,

MAME M. STONER, Secretary.

NOTE:—The following letter has just been received from Mr. A. N. Frazer who kindly audits our books each year.

"I have just completed the auditing of the books and statement of the Playground and Vacation School Association of Allegheny, and it gives me great pleasure to state that they are not only correct in every particular, but very well kept.

Very truly yours,

A. N. FRAZER."



TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1911.

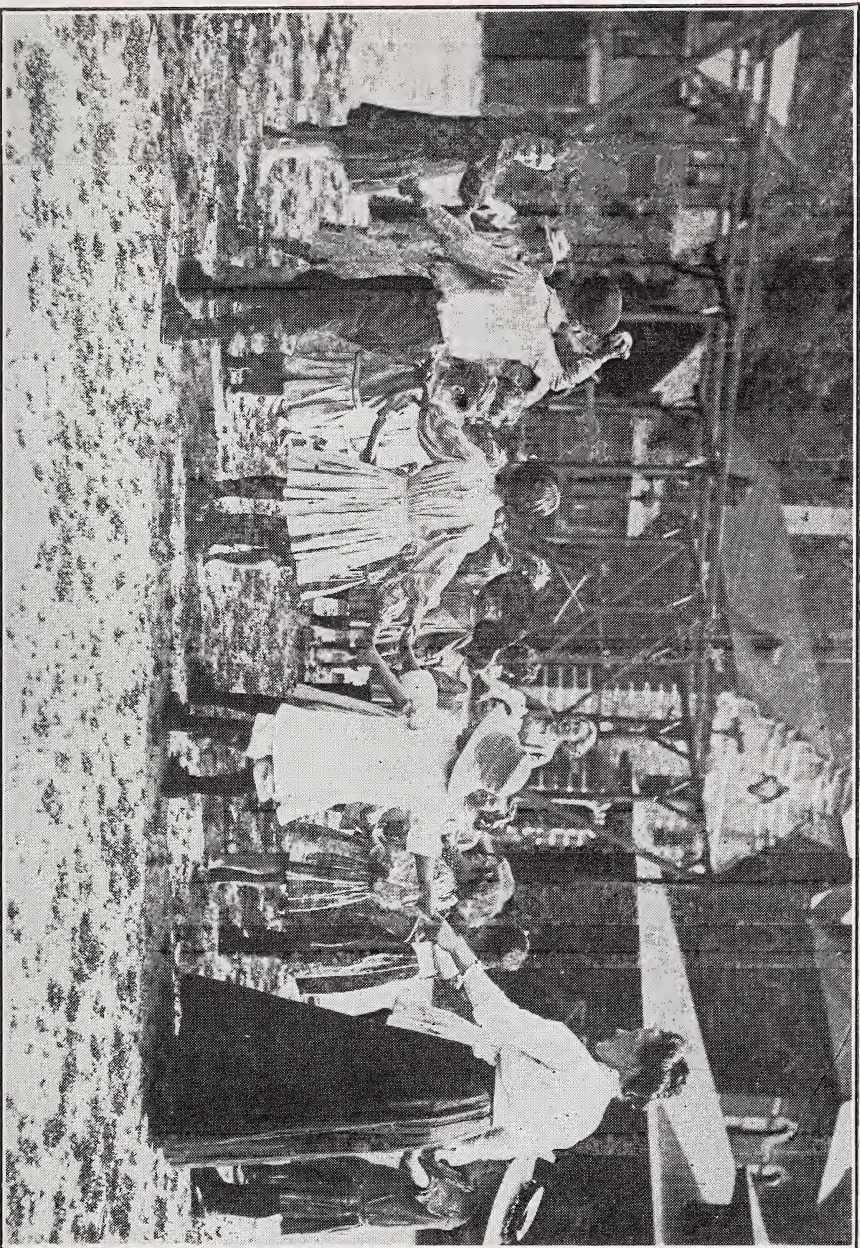
RECEIPTS

Balance on hand.....	\$ 133.78
Reduction on price of Report.....	7.50
City Appropriation.....	23200.00
Private Subscriptions.....	1490.00
Clubs and Associations.....	152.00
Return Funds.....	15.58
Interest on Deposit.....	15.33
Total.....	<u>\$25014.19</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Teachers and Janitors Salaries.....	\$17899.29
Equipment and Supplies.....	5730.93
Chairmen of Schools and Committees.....	264.16
Printing.....	51.75
Postage.....	22.50
Telephone.....	108.21
Repairs.....	75.50
Hauling and Expressage.....	21.50
Band for Play Festivals.....	52.00
Exposition Exhibit.....	11.25
Erie Exhibit.....	9.20
Taxes on Phipps Playground.....	85.50
Lease on Phipps Playground.....	50.00
Light and Heat.....	32.70
Rent of Park.....	20.00
Miscellaneous Expenses.....	24.10
Total.....	<u>\$24458.59</u>
Receipts.....	\$25014.19
Expenditures.....	<u>24458.59</u>
Balance on hand.....	\$ 555.60

MRS. EDWARD A. JONES, Treasurer.



RING GAMES ARE ALWAYS POPULAR.

Photograph by Mr. Huber, The Post.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

We, the undersigned, have had the above statement audited and same is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

H. BUHL, Jr.,
J. N. DAVIDSON,
A. N. FRAZER.

March 5, 1912.

Auditing Committee.

Balance - - - - -	\$555.60
Addendum—Cost of half-tone cuts and printing of 1000 copies of 1911 reports - - -	290.20
Cash on hand - - - - -	<u>\$265.40</u>

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PHIPPS RECREATION PARK.

MRS. E. G. WHITEHEAD.

Home and Hospital Club of Bellevue.

The session of 1911 at the Phipps Playground was a most successful and delightful time. The attendance was not so much on the increase as we hoped, but the deportment and the appearance of the children so much improved, their eagerness to learn so marked, their love and interest toward teachers so evident that our interest increased tenfold for their benefit. We have always felt that Phipps was an ample field for work and now after much patience and effort we begin to realize many good results. The interest of the parents has been attracted in many ways, their visits to the school on the increase, thereby becoming aware of the methods used for their children's welfare. This of itself has been most gratifying, if has been our constant aim to reach the mothers, appreciating the fact if the interest of the mother be gained it will be of lasting good to the child. Indifference has been one of the strong features of the Phipps district and any improvement in this direction is much good gained.

Our teachers were most lovely, while we missed our late assistants who served so faithfully, we felt their places were amply filled by our new workers, whom we soon learned to love and appreciate. Our play times were great. Teachers, children, one and all, joining in the games. We truly had great times. The results of our weeks together was evidenced somewhat by our exhibit and the sports of Field-day enjoyed by so many gave us a happy time, so that the close of the school was a time of true and keen regret that the season was at its end and it was time to say good-bye.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SHERMAN AVENUE SECOND WARD SCHOOL.

MRS. H. J. COOK.

The New Era Club.

On the fifth of July—a bright hot day—the opening of the vacation play grounds was greeted by a crowd of happy and expectant children. They all entered into the spirit of work and play and seemed to feel it was good to be together once again.

There was but one change in the teaching corps—Miss Sullivan taking the place of Miss McGaw in the basketry department.

The attendance was very good—all the classes were well filled, and some days the kindergarten was crowded.

This year the music was a very pleasant feature—Friday being always a gala day. We were highly favored on these occasions by several young ladies and Mr. Earl Mitchell, the organist of the Calvary M. E. Church who gave us a splendid program.

The success of the school was largely due to the conscientious work of the teachers. Exhibition Day showed marked improvement in all work and great interest was manifested by parents and friends, as was shown by the large number of visits made.

In closing the chairman wishes to thank the teachers for the good work done; also Mr. Butterfield, a director, and Mr. Shankey, the janitor, for their kindness and consideration throughout the term; and furthermore to say the gift of stencil work received will always be a reminder of the pleasant weeks spent on the playgrounds in 1911.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE IRWIN AVENUE SECOND WARD SCHOOL.

MRS. DAVID HASTINGS.
Neighborhood Committee.

It seems that each succeeding summer brings with it larger numbers of children and greater enthusiasm in the work, which we hope will continue in the future. Our work the past year has been along the same lines Kindergarten, Sewing, Basketry, Manual training, Games and Swimming and in each a good measure of success has been attained. We had larger classes in all the departments. The work accomplished by the children was very satisfactory and reflected great credit on the teachers in the different branches.

Flowers and music were enjoyed by all and thanks are due Miss Hill, of the Tourist Club, for her kindness to the children. Our exhibition came a little earlier this year than usual, but was well attended and the parents seemed very proud of the work accomplished by their children. Mr. Stadtlander, our janitor and his assistants were kind and very helpful to us always ready to assist us in every possible way.

I wish to thank all the volunteer workers for their faithfulness. They were Mrs. Spiro, Mrs. Sadie Duff, Mrs. Albert

Murray, Mrs. Wm. Harper, Mrs. Piaget, Mr. Henry Brown and others.

Mr. Henry Brown gave the girls instruction in swimming every Wednesday morning—Boys every Thursday morning and what a good time they did have. Wednesday afternoon was reserved for the teachers which they seemed to enjoy. The last Friday of school the teachers had a surprise for the chairman a delightful luncheon, one long to be remembered and very much appreciated by her.

With unstinted praise our President may be justly proud of the great work carried on under her jurisdiction.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CHESTNUT STREET THIRD WARD SCHOOL.

MISS EDNA M. ELLIOTT.

The Lend-a-Hand Club.

It seems as if I had just turned over a new leaf in my year book and had written these words; "The Summer Play-grounds opened this year as usual, only much improved and better than last year." Each year has seen an increase in results, better equipments, better skilled teachers, and all forces co-operating to form one harmonic whole.

We lost some of our teachers of last year, but found their places supplied with capable instructors.

Our school is located in a crowded tenement district. I heard it remarked by a visitor that the children were as neatly dressed and better behaved than in some of the better schools.

I think the medical examination of the children was an excellent idea. It also brought children to the playgrounds, who otherwise would not have been allowed to go.

Some of our children were attracted by the manual training and domestic science, others by the kindergarten and folk games, and others as a place to go "where you get something free."

I wish to thank those of my committee who assisted me and also, those teachers of the school of which I was chairman. To those who contributed flowers in an almost flowerless summer I think we should express our gratitude. I wish to express my thanks to Mrs. Cowley for her having appointed me chairman of one of the playgrounds, and for the many kindnesses shown to the children, teachers and myself.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FOURTH WARD SCHOOL.

MISS HELENA S. VOEGTHY.

Fourth Ward Up-to-Date Club.

My report of this season is practically the same as the preceding year with the few additional remarks as follows:

This year we had the largest enrollment since the opening of the Fourth Ward School No. 2, larger classes continuing throughout the whole term. We were at a disadvantage this year, owing to the early date of our exhibition, and to the delay of our supplies. But with all this our industrial work made a very creditable display.

Our sewing classes are advancing so rapidly, that a number of one-piece dresses were made by the larger girls, who were so interested that they never missed a day, which kept the teachers busy every minute. All the work was so neatly done that it could bear the closest inspection.

The basketry, as usual, always the largest class, made a number of useful articles in new designs.

The kindergarten class is growing rapidly, a large number of babies, these children always thoroughly enjoy their games, songs and work. The teachers of this department appreciated the assistance of a faithful volunteer. I hope the summer school work will continue to be as successful as this closing year of 1911.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FIFTH WARD SCHOOL.

MRS. C. C. BIPPUS.

Summer Work Club.

In this my sixth annual report as chairman of the Fifth Ward to the playground and vacation School Association of Allegheny I am pleased to report the usual prosperity of our school. The attendance during the term just ended was large and showed a substantial increase over that of last year. This was due in part to our having the children from the Day Nursery and Temporary Home of the M. E. Church Union, Sheffield Street but more in particular to the greater interest manifested in the Association by the patrons of the school and people in general. The branches taught were those scheduled by the Association viz: Manual Training Art and Nature, Millinery, Basketry, etc., and in these classes were organized accordingly. In the filling of our classes we allowed each child to select the department in which it wished to work, and in this way nearly every child of sufficient age was

enrolled in one or more departments. As to the work done in the several departments I shall not report in detail. Suffice it to say, the children were interested in their work, progressed steadily and at the close of our term the result of their work as exhibited was very gratifying to all. The teachers have been earnest and faithful and to a high degree successful in their work, laboring throughout the term for the common good and pleasure of the children, after rendering valuable aid outside of their class room. As to the disciplining of the school we had but little trouble and in this the children deserve much praise for excepting some few little quarrels their conduct was all the most exacting could wish and their unselfish spirit is indeed beautiful. In conclusion I wish to tender my thanks to our General Chairman Mrs. Mary Cowley for her counsel and encouragement. To the teachers for their co-operation and assistance. To our janitor, Mr. Gregg for his help, continual courtesy and kindness.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SIXTH WARD SCHOOL.

MRS. R. H. GILLIFORD.

Traveller's Club.

Our fifth year in the Sixth Ward Playground found us fully equipped for our work. We obtained the long desired third room for our basketry classes. This relieved the congestion in that department so the teachers could do justice to their pupils without so much discomfort and confusion. The attendance on the first day was 656, 415 of that number were in the Kindergarten. The second day we had 837 and the third, Flower day, there were 1012—the total enrollment was 1549, last year 1027, an increase of 522.

Total attendance 17,208, average 688, smallest attendance 555. The attendance in the Kindergarten was very large, reaching 600 on the last day when candy was distributed. The Directress tells me they were almost all new children. One of the pretty sights between 9 and 10 was the little ones on the rear steps sewing cards with bright colored yarns and between 11 and 12 with their knitting.

There was very marked improvement in the sewing classes some of them did very neat work. We had three teachers in the sewing rooms, three in Basketry and one in each of the other departments. On the last day of school your chairman was presented with a beautiful basket, the handiwork of the teachers and one little girl 13 years old. She designed the handle herself. It crossed the top and makes a useful as well as ornamental basket. This year we had a man for Game Teacher, as our Gen-

eral Chairman felt this work was too hard for a woman. Our former game teacher Mrs. McCord was given a sewing class. The change was a fortunate one for Mrs. McCord made a fine sewing teacher and the intense heat of the summer would have been too much for a woman. The flowers which have always been such a pleasant feature of our work were not so beautiful nor plentiful as in former years, but we always had our share of what was sent. The library work increased and fewer books not returned. This is one of the pleasant features of our work and we feel it is a source of education to the children, they learn where and how they can obtain the books during the year. We had very few volunteer workers this year compared with last, and we missed them very much. Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Pennock, members of the committee from the Traveller's Club gave more than two weeks of their time and rendered very efficient service at a time when their help meant so much to the Chairman. Mrs. McIntosh and Mrs. Neison each gave a week, others who helped were Mrs. Lawall, Mrs. I. N. Patterson, Mrs. Craig, Mrs. C. P. Lang, Mrs. Dunbar and Miss Gaw. Two articles from each department were sent to Erie to the meeting of the State Federation and afterwards to Harrisburg for a permanent exhibit. We had a fine display at the Exposition in our own city.

Our kindergarten director, Miss McCarty, composed the following "Flower Song," which our little ones memorized and frequently sang.

1. Children love flowers,
We've heard them say so;
They will take care of them
Where'er they go.
Keep them in water
From morning till night,
Care for them, watch o'er them,
Pretty and bright.

Chorus.

Shout the glad news
To each one you see;
The children love flowers,
They say so with glee.

2. Sweet peas and nasturtiums
Are welcome, we sing,
Though great is the joy
A carnation may bring;
Not only roses
Their fragrance impart
We love garden flowers—
The gift of a fond heart.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SPRING GARDEN AVENUE SEVENTH WARD SCHOOL.

MRS. MAUDE BEEHNER.

Independent Workers.

The school year of Vacation School just ended has proven to me that there is at least one subject in which the newness, enthusiasm, and excitement does not wear off.

In fact this year has been of more help and pleasure to me than last year, as the work, teachers and children mean so much more to me this year.

There have been several changes in our corps of teachers and we have found in our new teachers more proof of Mrs. Cowley's marvelous selection of teachers, Miss Nettie Wallace, succeeded Miss Wood, as kindergarten director and has surely won the love and respect of not only the children but the teachers and chairman and with her assistants, Misses Evans, Bonsall, Porter and Speer, have made quite a record for themselves with a daily average of 400 babies. The work of Miss Evans this year was remarkable, in that taking care of half the babies she showed her skill as a director.

In the basketry Mrs. Duffy's work need not be spoken of as words are useless to express her success alike with boys and girls, and her aids, Miss Crawford and Newbaker proved very competent.

Miss Tener's work with her boys and girls in art and nature has been very successful as the exhibition showed and her help to the other teachers cannot pass unmarked.

Our new sewing teachers, Miss Rebecca Oursler and Miss Marguerite Farrell, while being new to Spring Garden School were not new in the work as they proved by the way they took charge of the work. The charming personality of all our new teachers has helped to make the work a great success.

Mr. Dyer handled the boys in manual training very cleverly and his exhibit was unique. Mr. Mathews and John are certainly the best of janitors, nothing being too much trouble or too hard for either to do. The only thing we regret is we didn't see Mrs. Cowley often enough.

In volunteer work Miss Mathews in basketry, Miss Biglow and Miss Schroeffel in sewing and Miss Longmore in kindergarten were very faithful.

The children appreciated the books.

My Committee were very kind, Mrs. D. Bear being at school almost every day also Mrs. Dice who was very interested in the work.

The last Friday a luncheon was given, which was very enjoyable, Mrs. Cowley and the past chairman Mrs. Mathews being honor guests.

The few weeks of school are filled with very pleasant memories but I feel that I have failed in many things. I at least have been successful this year with the little boys who watched for me every morning making the day brighter with their greetings and altogether Vacation School at Spring Garden has been a very great success. Our daily average was about 750.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SPRING HILL SEVENTH WARD.

MISS ELEANOR C. LANG.
Willing Workers.

Owing to the absence of the chairman from the city during the summer months no special report can be given for this school.

Efforts had been made by the writer to secure a chairman for this school for the summer but without success; and the Association declined to accept her resignation.

However, all arrangements had been made to carry out the plans as in former years, and with the conscientious work of an efficient corps of teachers, with helpful visits from the President, Mrs. Cowley, most gratifying results were achieved, and the work accomplished was more successful than in any year since the inauguration of the summer schools in this particular ward.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EIGHTH WARD WARD SCHOOL.

MRS. H. FRANK BORLAND.
Sunshine Club.

Summer school is looked forward to with as much eagerness by our children in the eighth ward, as a trip to the sea shore by some of the more fortunate children in our city.

That accounts for the large number who patiently wait for the bell to ring and the gates to open and admit them for their summer vacation.

Our work begun, just about as we had left off a year ago. A few of the older children were not with us, they had reached the wage earning age and of course had to go to work.

Most of the new faces were found in the kindergarten. Miss Butler had returned again this year to direct that department.

Mr. Hixenbaugh and Mr. Blair were with the boys in the manual training, aside from these changes our teachers were the

same as other years. We appreciate Mrs. Cowley's interest and consideration in assigning us such capable and agreeable teachers whom the children all love.

There was an increase in the attendance of every department and each year we see a growing improvement in the work.

We feel we are now properly established, as each department has its own room and can proceed with the work, without interruption. The girls in cooking and sewing departments were as eager to learn as they had been the previous year and it was indeed gratifying to see they had not forgotten the things they had been taught.

In basketry both the boys and girls from seven to ten years of age were enrolled. The greater number of them had never tried to do any thing for themselves before and it was wonderful how quickly they took up the work and what pretty mats and baskets they had made by the close of the term.

One of the most delightful hours for the girls was the hour they spent with Miss Clayland in the singing lesson, they also enjoyed the drills and games taught by Miss McKibben, Miss Law was always heartily welcomed, they looked forward to her story-telling and were never disappointed.

We were always glad to see Mrs. Stofiel and Miss Boswell, the supervisors of kindergarten and industrial work and last, but by no means least we were more than pleased to see the smiling face of our President, Mrs. Cowley, and to hear her words of cheer and encouragement. She was as a ray of sunshine to both children and teachers.

REPORT OF THE NINTH WARD SCHOOL WRITTEN BY ONE OF THE CHAIRMEN

MRS. JAMES ADAIR.

The other Chairmen were:

MRS. CHARLES MCKNIGHT

MRS. WALLIS J. TENER

MRS. C. E. POSTLETHWAITE

MISS MARGARET ADAIR

Woman's Club of Sewickley Valley.

My thoughts go back to the children in the playground and the school rooms at Woods Run. I always found them happy in their play and interested in their work; kind and good to each other, never quarrelling, but willing to share their toys, showing unselfishness and gentleness in many cases. May not this improvement found in the children of the Vacation School be due largely to the influence of the Teachers and volunteer workers? Five weeks under such example each year is surely telling in the little lives we come in contact with each Summer. I wish so much that more women of the Club would undertake Vacation School

work; go and see the children and what is being accomplished there. If you make the trial I feel certain you will become interested and think it worth while to be a chairman or volunteer worker.

The boys and girls at Woods Run are to be commended in many ways. Most of them work hard and are anxious to learn how to do the different things taught them, such as sewing, basketry, art and nature, manual training and kindergarten. The teachers speak encouragingly of the work done by the children. I always like to speak about Friday morning. On that morning big and little go to the kindergarten room. I love to be there too. All happy children; such smiling faces; if you have never been there I do not believe you can realize just what Friday morning means to them. They sing the songs they love and just as loud as they can. The love of music is in their little hearts as in those of the birds. Self made music means sweetness to them as well as to us, and flowers, too, are beautiful to them as well as to us. If you are with the children and hear them sing and see the admiration they have for the little bunch of flowers each one has, you instinctively realize they have the love for the beautiful.

It is always a pleasure to have Mrs. Cowley visit the school. I feel she is so truly interested in our school and in what we are doing. The children when they see her, perhaps far up the street, run back to the Playground to tell the others that she is coming, and when she arrives she is welcomed by all. She can never be thanked enough for the work she does for the Playground Association.

I must not forget to speak about the idea of having five chairmen in the school this Summer instead of only one. It proved to be a great improvement, and I thank Mrs. Charles McKnight, Mrs. Wallis J. Tener, Mrs. C. E. Postlethwaite and Miss Margaret Adair, and all the volunteer workers and the teachers as well for the excellent work they did and the untiring interest they showed in the children. In conclusion, I thank Miss Virginia McCready, Chairman, and her assistants of the Flower Committee for the great number of bouquets they sent to the Allegheny Playground Association.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EAST STREET TENTH WARD SCHOOL.

MRS. D. N. BULFORD

The Tourists.

Arriving at the Playground on the morning of July the fifth I found everything in readiness and many delighted children in the yard. All seemed anxious for the gong to sound. A number of the children were collected in groups busily talking. Upon

joining several of these I found the subject to be, "What classes are you going to join?" This seemed to have been decided in each small mind days before.

After the opening exercises it was surprising how quickly, and yet without confusion each child found her class and was busily at work or in a Kindergarten, found her broom, shovel or wagon and was soon interested in the sand pile or games.

As in any new undertaking the first day is always the hardest in getting each child placed and started in her work. After this things seemed to move as though run by one great pendulum; faithful and enthusiastic teachers, willing and earnest volunteers, each having their own special duties to perform and yet all governed from one great center.

One of the most successful features of our playground work was our days of music in which we gave half an hour to its enjoyment. How happy and how full of sunshine was each little face. Joy and enthusiasm were there in good measure but enthusiasm under perfect control.

I feel that in this year's work I was doubly blessed in having my little daughter accompany me. I saw the playground from the child's point of view and appreciated more fully the great joy that it means to them. What happiness comes to the child in its hours of play and song! Surely the Summer Playground will have its purpose if only to bring this much happiness into the lives of so many little ones.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CHARLES STREET TENTH WARD SCHOOL.

MISS GRACE McCafferty.

Friendly Sisters.

The names of the girls who did volunteer work from Bellevue Presbyterian church are as follows:

Helen Stitcher, Sarah Rankin, Cora McCafferty, Virginia Cooper, Elizabeth Campbell, Virginia Zinn, Leona Atwell, Clara Rankin, Grace Hamilton, May Rippl, Gertrude Zinn, Laura Chess.

These girls thoroughly enjoyed the work and I am quite sure they would be very glad to do it the coming year.

As to the work I did, I would rather not take any credit, whatever, for I am very much disappointed that I was able to do so little for my school. But there is such a thing as taking on too many responsibilities.

However, Mrs. Cowley, I do want to do the work again, and if you will give me another trial in the future I am sure that I will not have so much to do, and my time will be my own.

Thanking you for the honor of the principalship of the school, and wishing you the best of success in your most excellent work, I am,

Most sincerely yours, etc.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ELEVENTH WARD SCHOOL.

MRS. J. A. KONLE.

Wimodausis Club.

I could scarcely realize another year had passed when I started for the opening of the Vacation School this year.

I was so glad to see so many of the same teachers as we had last year.

Our attendance this year averaged about the same as last year.

Our work this year was a decided improvement over last year.

I think the pupils appreciate the work more each year and they were very energetic. I met several mothers on Exhibition Day that had never been there before and were delighted with the work.

The folk dancing was very much enjoyed by all.

I am sorry we did not have enough flowers each Friday but hope next year we will have more.

I hope next year we will improve as much as we did this.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EAST STREET TWELFTH WARD SCHOOL.

MRS. E. P. RUSSELL.

Woman's Literary Club of Bellevue.

The East Street, Twelfth Ward reports another pleasant year in playground work, profitable as well as pleasant and though we had an intensely hot summer, the children were as enthusiastic as ever.

For the first time since I have been in the work we had none of the offensive element, the boys who too old to enjoy the playground being around to annoy smaller children. Either hard times drove them to work or the playground helped to civilize them, a little of both we think.

While it is hard to get people to give up their time to help in this work one of our patrons, Mrs. Edgar should be given credit. Her baby boy insisted on coming every day last year and this year she came so faithfully the first week that I asked her

if she wouldn't like to assist in the kindergarten work and she was delighted was faithful and Miss Hemphill said she was a great help.

Miss Hemphill did splendid work as did the other teachers, but as this was her first year in playground work she deserves mention. Couldn't be improved upon, even the janitor, Mr. Law, ceased not to praise her.

We are greatly indebted to our General Chairman, Mrs. Cowley for such a good corps of teachers and assistants.

One day I went into the sewing room, there sat a young man behind the table, a six footer. At first I thought one of the teachers was the attraction so it was, that young man, the first year of the playground in that school sat in that class instructed by those teachers, made a shirt. He was graduated from the H. S. and was going to enter college in the Fall. Evidently that young man has a tender spot in his heart for the playground and the teachers who helped him in more ways than in instructing him in sewing. Does it pay?

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TWELFTH WARD FINE VIEW AVENUE SCHOOL.

MRS. E. S. GILES.

Fineview Club.

Greater interest than ever was shown when our Summer School opened.

The teachers, with one exception were the same as we had from the beginning, the work, thus taken up as though a year had not intervened since the last session.

While the Basketry teacher was new, she was so thorough, we felt she had always been with us.

The Janitor, Mr. Ward, was also new, but having five children in his own home, he was just the man for the place, he very graciously did whatever he was called upon to do, by teachers or volunteers.

We are proud of the progress the children make, carried there, as they frequently are, to play in the sand boxes, then to the swings, on to the kindergarten, and in a session or two, we see them in "Five little clickadees," "Soldier Boy," taking a advantage of everything, and never tire, but, like the Brook would go on forever.

You would rejoice with us were you to visit our exhibitions and see how creditable they are.

We were glad to receive so many visitors, and want to especially mention the fathers who came.

The chairman making an annual call on the aged Grand-mother of one of the pupils, upon leaving was told "now it 'pears as though we are related."

Flowers, music, the annual treat of candy and flags, with the Field Meet at Phipps Park as a climax our Vacation Schools closed. Our volunteers were:

MISS OLIVE STANFORD

MRS. JOHN DAY

MRS. GEO. LOHMAN

MRS. L. E. UMSTEAD

MRS. JOHN STEWART

MISS NANNIE STINSON

MISS ADA STANFORD

MISS MARTHA MOORE

MISS WINIFRED UMSTEAD

MISS ELLA GILES

Thursday, Nov. 16, 1911.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE THIRTEENTH WARD SCHOOL.

MRS. C. R. COFFIN.

Sandusky Street Baptist Band of Workers.

Our opening coming just after the "glorious fourth" I feared we might be entertained with some "left overs," but we were agreeably disappointed,

There did not seem to be as many as the year before waiting around the door for the opening, on account of "the day after" feeling, I suppose, but before the week was over we had our usual number, I think.

Our standby, Miss Dill, was on hand also the sewing teachers and basketry teachers of the year before, but for manual training, cooking and games we had unfamiliar faces but we very soon felt at home with them as they took hold at once and proved themselves fitted for their positions and were ever cheerful and ready to help, as were the others.

The children were just as busy as ever with wheel barrows, wagons, brooms, and shovels, but were ready for their turn on the swing, or for a game of bean bag and most of the time were on their good behavior.

I was glad to see how eager they were for the books each Friday.

They would find a seat on one of the benches or swings and begin reading them at once.

Being one of the first schools to hold the exhibition, the articles were not as well finished as last year, because we had only three weeks for getting ready. Considering the time we felt quite well pleased, but the children did not seem to have as much interest in their work after the exhibition.

We ought to invite our friends to visit our playgrounds more.

I took a friend with me one day and she was much impressed with the work being done and said she had not before been much in favor of the summer schools but should speak for them ever after.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HALL STREET FIFTEENTH WARD SCHOOL.

MISS JULIET KNOX.

MISS ANNA TRIMBLE, Vice-Chairman.

I wish to tell you how much I enjoyed this work this summer in the fifteenth ward school. I was afraid at first that it was going to be more than I had bargained for but the people in Ben Avon were so good in helping out.

It certainly was a revelation to me that children could accomplish so much and things, too, that were really beautiful and worth while.

We had really very good order the whole summer—much better than I had expected from the children.

I am sorry there is no manual training for the boys, there, as I think it is needed very badly. Perhaps it can be arranged for next summer.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MEYRAN AVENUE FIFTEENTH WARD SCHOOL.

MRS. JOHN H. CHATHAM.

North End Club.

On the morning of July 5th, 1911 the playground and Vacation school was organized for the first time in the Meyran Avenue School, Fifteenth Ward, with a surprising attendance of happy wide awake little people anxious to take a try at a novelty. Without any confusion the various arts were selected by the children with the assistance of President Cowley and the school Principal. The latter being very jealous for the success of the second Vacation School in the ward. The instructors, each and all, showed a marked talent for his or her part and work went on with a will.

The kindergarten was very ably handled by Misses Swearngen and Bailey with the assistance of a group of Willing Workers—Misses Ethel Ross, Helen Edgar, Dorothy and Mary Maxwell and Grace Turkle, each of whom were constantly striving for the honor of holding and amusing the babies which were brought to the grounds.

Sewing in our school was a great factor in our success. The little girls sewed as if it were the greatest pleasure, many of them showing a high degree of talent.



READY FOR THE FLOWER DISTRIBUTION. *Photograph by Mrs. Cowley.*



PASSING THROUGH THE GATE ON FLOWER DAY.

Photograph by Mrs. Cowley

Their finished work reflected great credit to the efficiency of their teacher, Miss Elizabeth G. Kelly. Voluntary assistants were Mrs. Walter Maxwell and Mrs. Frederick Schum who gave almost every day to this fascinating work and play.

Basketry had never been taught in this Public School and a very large class of boys and girls took it up with the result that when the end of the term came t'was all too soon for they were not willing to stop off making the fine strong and beautiful articles. that they had now come to know could be made even by a small boy or girl. Miss Sarah A. Marshall showed herself a most able instructor and the children were too busy to be mischievous.

The department of Manual Training was highly appreciated by our boys of whom Mr. Gruber had a class of twenty-five. The great number of useful articles made by the pupils is evidence that the boys love work when they can see tangible results. From this class came the request made on the closing day that they might have three more weeks. These busy people took their play hour on the base ball grounds, on various occasions a match game was played with a neighboring school which we all enjoyed, especially when we were the victors. Busy and all that we were, Mr. Gruber went off into Mercer County on a Friday afternoon and brought back with him a charming young lady that he introduced as his wife.

Exhibition day brought out the parents to view the articles made by the children during the five busy weeks. The testimony of every one is that much has been accomplished and trust that the Vacation School shall be permanent in this place.

Flower day was observed but one Friday as we thought that our suburban situation where every family has their own flowers or pick them from the fields and we would leave the supply to those schools that are not so favorably located.

As this is my first report and also my first experience in this work I feel that I must give my testimony that this has been among the very happiest five weeks in my very busy life, we never grow old in such work.

The visits from our beloved leader Mrs. Cowley were always welcomed by teachers and pupils alike, encouragement was read in her countenance.

The special teachers, Mrs. Stofiel, Kindergarten; Miss Boswell of Domestic Science and Miss Egbert, last but not least (for we all would have liked to have been in her Folk Dances if we had been quick enough) were always received with the greatest pleasure.

The superintendent of Buildings, Mr. William Orr, always the courteous gentleman was ever present to attend to wants of children and teachers assisting in many ways to make the time spent here most pleasant and profitable to all.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WOOD'S RUN PLAYGROUND.

MRS. ADELIA STEEL FUELLER.
W. R. Club.

The playground at Woods Run opened the first of May and closed the last of September. A great deal of nice work was accomplished during the season.

Embroidery, basket-making, sewing, etc. The classes were well attended and Miss Smith was very faithful. Mr. Scholl did very well with the boys. They are more unruly than the girls and it requires a lot of tact to keep them busy. The girls were taken to Lake Elizabeth and enjoyed the outing very much. Miss Smith gave an exhibition of her work in September and it was fine. Every thing went well all summer.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN FOR THE HOME FOR COLOR- ED CHILDREN.

MISS DESSA M. JAMES.
For The Board.

Our "beginning" of last year in the Summer School work had a very interesting and successful second chapter this year. The children who were old enough to remember last summer were ready and eager for their work-play.

Miss Dunning and her basketry class took up their work just where they had laid it down last August and thus were able to go on to higher things, better shapes, more complicated patterns doing work that surprised me when I remembered the youthfulness of the makers. The showing at the Exposition this year was most creditable both in quantity and quality.

This summer a very welcome addition to our school was a teacher of singing. What a pleasure it was to come up the driveway of the Home and be greeted by sweet young voices singing in the open air. A short time ago I went into the schoolroom and asked the children to sing Miss Clayland's songs for me. How bright and interested they were on the instant. We had the nursery children in too and they danced and sang every thing they knew. What a jolly hour we had. I think they have not forgotten anything they have learned from Miss Woodburn in the kindergarten and Miss Clayland.

Altogether our pavilion on the river bluff was the scene of a happy profitable summer for our children; a fact which is very much appreciated by our Board of Managers.

REPORT OF THE FLOWER COMMITTEE.

MISS OLIVE B. STANFORD, Secretary, Pro Tem.

The opening of two new playgrounds and an increased number of children in all the schools and playgrounds, made the demand for flowers greater than other years. There was a shortage on the first two flower days; but their beauty and fragrance atoned for the loss in numbers.

On the first flower day the Kindergarten classes only received flowers. The following flower day found an increase in number of bouquets, but still not sufficient for all the children. This distribution was made to the Industrial Classes.

The children readily appreciated the situation and the kindly unselfish spirit was every where apparent.

The President's call for more flowers was answered by many new contributors, this and an increased effort on the part of the Chairmen and their assistants, made the remaining flower days a success and joy to all.

The Chairmen of the different districts, appointed by the President, are as follows:

Chairman for Sewickley Valley—Mrs. Virginia K. McCready, with the following Vice-Chairmen; Miss Helen Lambie of Glen Osborne and Miss Mary Baird of Shields, Pa.

Chairman for Avalon—Miss Madge Kearns, with the following Vice-Chairmen, Miss Bertha Smith, Miss Clara Nichol and Miss Annic Stewart.

Chairman for Ben Avon—Mrs. Walter P. Fraser with the following Vice-Chairman, Mrs. W. D. Dyer and Mrs. M. H. Kennedy of Emsworth.

Chairman for Tarentum—Mrs. W. T. Hall.

In the absence of the Chairman Miss Juliette Jennings acted as Chairman pro tem for the Sewickley Valley.

The number of bunches received from the different districts are as follows:

Avalon 7863.

Sewickley Valley, 7047 and 14 baskets of loose flowers.

Bellevue Churches, 5611.

Ben Avon, 2196.

Ladies of Tarentum, 581.

Mrs. Mary Roberts Rinehart contributed several bushel baskets of beautiful flowers.

Three large boxes of flowers were received from Mrs. B. F. Vogle Supt. "Tuumest Garden," Greensburg, Pa.

Woman's Club of Jeanette, two large boxes.

Mrs. Wm. Dykes, Mrs. Tillie McCoy and Miss Julia McCoy of the Kane Study Club sent a large box.

Mrs. Mary Macrum and grand children of Oakmont sent a beautiful contribution.

Through the efforts of Mrs. M. C. Barnard, the children of the Presbyterian Sunday School of Emlenton sent a large box of beautiful flowers.

Those assisting Mrs. Cowley in the work room were; Miss Mame Stoner, Miss Anna Stoner, Mrs. Frank Gaither, Mrs. W. W. Crump, Mrs. A. A. MacLachlan, Miss Ruth de Normandie, Misses Agnes and Beatrice Brown, Miss Dessa James, Miss Helen Mendel, Miss Katherine Hastings, Miss Virginia Stevenson, Miss Ella Giles, Miss Mary Davis, Miss Gertrude Post, Misses Ada and Olive Stanford.

This committee was unusually responsive, being present every flower day with renewed energy and congeniality. For their efforts we are most grateful.

On two flower days our President's great sympathy and love was shown by sending beautiful lillies and roses to an old lady and her blind son.

On two occasions an afternoon distribution was made to the children in the Reading room at the Carnegie Library.

As has been the custom in the preceeding years, the Committee had the use of the basement room of the Carnegie Library. The attitude of every one in the building toward the Flower Committee helped make the work of bunching the loose flowers a real joy.

The Allegheny Express Company have been untiring in their efforts in delivering the flowers. For all their kind and very helpful efforts the Committee express their gratitude.

Mr. Becker of the Sewickley Express Company who has delivered the flowers to the depot has done much toward making flower day a success. The Committee extend to Mr. Becker their appreciation and gratitude.

It seems to me very fitting to also mention with pride and gratitude, Mr. Kearns of Avalon, who has so untiringly assisted his daughter in her work as Chairman. This worthy assistant cut for the playgrounds, twenty five hundred Golden Glow blooms in a single evening.

This alone shows us how those who live among the beautiful things do appreciate that there are those living all about us who need their help to brighten the sightless back yards, staring brick walls, the hot and crowded streets.

Only those who have witnessed the joy on the little ones faces on each flower day can have any idea what their assistance means to the little ones who seldom have a flower to call their own,

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN OF VOLUNTEER MUSIC.

MISS WINONA HILL.

During the last playground season it became evident to those supplying the music that conditions had greatly changed in this work in the last few years. The playgrounds have so much increased in number and attendance, also in scope of work that the problem of supplying music is a different one than that of a few years ago.

To cover all the playgrounds and schools was found impossible, and particularly this last year when on account of the abnormal heat in July many of our musicians fled from the city. But as usual those who worked did so with enthusiasm for this most interesting and satisfactory work. At the playgrounds new faces greet you each year but the same old familiar look of joyous pleasure radiates from each face when the music starts and all the pupils sway with the rythm of their favorite songs—some new—some old.

In many of the schools an adequate place for all the pupils to gather was not obtainable and as it proved so disappointing to those who were not able to get near the piano nor join the singing for lack of room, it was thought best to discontinue the music in these places.

But all the volunteers testified to the splendid welcome from both teachers and pupils at each school.

At some of the smaller schools which are not crowded and where the facilities are right for the gathering of all the pupils in one room or hall, the volunteer music may be carried on, but in the larger and more crowded schools it seems to the committee that the music of this character had best be discontinued.

REPORT OF LIBRARY WORK.

Library work at the summer schools began at the Shady Avenue Eleventh Ward on Wednesday, July fifth. We were glad to see many old friends here, but there were still more new faces to greet us.

As usual the Eighth Ward playground had the smallest circulation, but here, as before, there was much interest taken in the books.

The Sixth Ward School circulated the most books, as was natural, this being the largest school we visited.

Books were circulated at six schools this year, the new school being the old Fifteenth Ward. The circulation here in proportion to the number of children using the playground, was larger than at any other school.

We "library teachers" desire to thank Miss Bonsall, Miss McKelvey and Miss Sanford, who have so efficiently aided us in our work for several years, and also the volunteer workers who have aided us in other schools.

This is the fourth year of library work at the playgrounds and the work has been steadily increasing until it has passed the experimental stage and would seem to have become a part of the regular playground work.

Owing to the indisposition of the children's librarian, Miss Heintzinger took charge of the work at three of the playgrounds.

During the season, on two different occasions, baskets of flowers which had arrived too late for distribution from the playgrounds, were sent to the children's room. These were all given to the children who frequent the room, and were eagerly received by many little ones who do not attend the summer schools.

The total circulation for 1911 was 3045, and the total number of cards issued was 764. Books were issued as follows:—

842 at the Sixth Ward; 440 at the Seventh Ward; 304 at the Eighth Ward; 449 at the Fifteenth Ward; 562 at the Thirteenth Ward; and 448 at the Eleventh Ward.

Yours respectfully,

MARY LAMBIE,

Children's Librarian, Carnegie Free Library of Allegheny.

SUMMER TRIPS.

Again our boys and girls were the grateful and happy guests of Mr. Cooper of Kingsley House and the Lillian Home at Valencia, of Miss Fish of the Ladies' Relief Society, who sends the children to the Glenfield Fresh Air Home and of the Managers of the Home at Fair Oaks. We appreciate the privilege not only for our little ones but for their tired mothers and big sisters. An amusing thing is the reluctance of the playground children to leave the city, "while sand schools in." They frequently give up their trip to the country rather than miss the happy summer session with their comrades and the chairmen and teachers to whom they are devoted. When they appeal to us to aid in their decision it makes it difficult for us. At first we always strongly advised the two weeks in the country, knowing the fresh air and changed environment would work wonders, but, after hearing children return so homesick for the playground that even the charms of blue sky, green grass and trees could not hold them, we did not decide hastily. We have found that the younger children long for their own homes and even the noise of the city streets, pronouncing the country "too quiet," but the older ones, especially the boys, love the summer Homes, and never tire of telling us about the good times they have, when in the country.

We wish more of the city children could be accommodated. If the farmers only realized the good they could do by entertaining parties during July and August they would surely count it a privilege and Christian duty to do so.

TEACHER'S COMMITTEE.

Our teachers are selected with great care each year; because the success of our playgrounds and vacation schools depends largely upon them. We consider special training, past experience and personality. We always give the preference to former teachers unless they have failed in the performance of duty, which we are glad to say seldom occurs.

As new localities are provided for each year our force grows larger. In 1910 we engaged 159 teachers for the summer session and in 1911 we added 10. Of this number 111 were former teachers. Except for those who marry, those who leave the city or those who have secured permanent positions they serve us and the children year by year. Many have been with us since the organization of our association, and the relations existing between us are very pleasant. We had 24 young men. We have no difficulty in securing excellent teachers who are residents of our own city. The training secured here is quite as good as that in the east or the west. The work of the chairman of this committee is heavy because of the many applicants, over 400 last year. During the 10 months term we employ 15 teachers, exclusive of custodians.

PRESS COMMITTEE

The morning and evening dailies of the city of Pittsburgh gave much valuable space to playground items. They are the loyal friends of the children, and believe in the work our association is doing for the city. Without their assistance it would be impossible to keep the general public informed of our progress. They have also made many happy and valuable suggestions which we have gladly followed. We have never yet asked space which they have not granted. The city and managing editors have given us editorials and special stories when requested, and the club and society editors, the reporters and staff photographers have been as some of our boys graphically express it "on the job all summer," from our park exercises on July 4th until the work closes. Yet in reality our work never closes now; but lasts all the year. The excellent photographs used in our Exposition booth and to brighten the pages of this book are granted to us through the courtesy of our newspaper friends.

VACATION SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

Though we engage new teachers year by year we still consider a two day's Institute long enough for all practical purposes. Volunteers and teachers from different parts of the country who chance to be in the city realize its value, and take advantage of the special training freely offered to all. By close adherence to the system we have practically tested these many years no time is wasted and the desired results are attained. The two days are divided into two periods each; and every teacher, new or old, knows just where duty calls. Visitors comment on the spirit of joyousness with which our young women and our young men enter the different departments. It is like a gathering of friends happily assisting each other in every way possible for the attainment of the desired end—the uplift and care of the children of the city. Young as our teachers usually are they are serious enough to realize the great responsibilities which devolve upon them. Young they should be, as a rule, because they make better playmates for their charges; but foolish they must not be or they would harm rather than help. Hence great care is used in their selection. Mistakes are made occasionally; but they are rectified as speedily and as quietly as possible.

Weekly teachers' meetings were held in the Sherman Avenue Building on Thursday afternoons. These are absolutely essential and the more efficient the teacher the more she appreciates and enjoys them. The departmental meetings, held downstairs in five of the rooms, preceded the general meeting in the auditorium on the third floor. A pleasant social atmosphere prevailed everywhere. The teachers from the different schools were pleased to meet each other weekly and exchange confidences and ideas. They have a pleasant custom of arranging for a school luncheon on each Thursday, which not only promotes sociability but saves time and prevents tardiness at the afternoon meeting. The different supervisors are frequent guests on these occasions and thoroughly enjoy them, incidentally becoming more friendly with the various teachers.

Exhibition days at the schools and parks were more largely attended than ever before. The citizens have learned to look forward to these events and appreciate them. How happy and proud the youngsters themselves were on these gala days! Parents, relatives near and distant, neighbors and friends praised them for their neatness and their industry. Space was at a premium when the drills were being given. Men, as well as women, were interested spectators; and applauded vigorously. Volunteers teachers and chairman came in for a share of the praise, not forgetting the association.

The playground booth at the Western Pennsylvania Exposition was more than usually attractive this last season. Its

walls had been newly decorated with dark green burlap, which made an artistic background for the display. which all visitors conceded was better than ever before. It ought to have been; for our little citizens worked industriously. All of our 24 fields of labor were represented except the ball park and the swimming school, and even that was in a way in evidence through the suits made in the sewing classes by both boys and girls and the pictures of the regatta or water festival. We had the same teacher in charge again this year and she reports a great increase in the number of visitors; and we had 3500 last year. Our register shows that many states were represented, and even some foreign countries; but the bulk of our visitors came from our own Pennsylvania cities and towns, with a large number from our neighboring Ohio. It was a privilege to help the good work along by giving information concerning it to all interested persons; and to send reports when requested. Our reports go to every state in the union and frequently cross the ocean. The courteous Exposition Manager, Mr. T. J. Fitzpatrick, approved of our display; and noted the number of visitors it attracted. It was a favorite resting place for tired mothers, especially those who desired to examine and admire the handiwork of their own little ones. The enthusiastic and noisy crowds of children who had a proud sense of proprietorship made every one smile with their droll remarks "Gee, fellows, see my sled!" "Say, kids, aint them dresses swell?" "Look at that shirt made by a boy!" "That's *my* basket, that red and white one up there." The cooking department felt that they had been discriminated against by not having an exhibit but arrangements will be made for them next year.

**LIST OF VOLUNTEER WORKERS IN THE EIGHTEENTH
SCHOOL PLAYGROUNDS, PHIPPS RECREATION
PARK, WOODS RUN PLAYGROUND AND
FIRST ALLEGHENY DAY NURSERY
AND TEMPORARY HOME.
IN 1911.**

General Work.

Mrs. Edward A. Jones	Mrs. John A. Crawford
Miss Mame M. Stoner	Mrs. Walter P. Fraser
Mrs. G. L. W. Price	Miss Virginia McCready
Miss Winona Hill	Mrs. W. T. Hall
Miss Madge Kearns	Miss Elizabeth Voltz

VOLUNTEERS IN SPECIAL DISTRICTS.

Sherman Avenue Second Ward.

Mrs. H. J. Cook	Miss Lulu Wertz
Mrs. W. C. Butterfield	

Irwin Avenue Second Ward.

Mrs. David Hasting	Mrs. William Harper
Mrs. M. Spiro	Mrs. Piaget
Mrs. Sarah Duff	Miss Piper
Mrs. Albert Murray	Mr. Henry C. Brown

Chestnut Street Third Ward.

Miss Edna M. Elliott	Miss Mizpah Scherzinger
Miss Amelia McQuaid	Miss Virginia Beggs

Fourth Ward No. 2.

Miss Helena S. Voegtly	Miss Laura McNamara
Miss Bertha Geiselhart	

Fifth Ward.

Mrs. C. C. Bippus	Miss May Levy
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Sixth Ward.

Mrs. R. H. Gilliford	Mrs. A. B. Craig
Mrs. William Pennock	Mrs. Charles P. Lang
Mrs. George Mackintosh	Mrs. Alex Dunbar
Mrs. J. H. Neison	Miss Jennie Gaw
Mrs. L. H. Lawall	Miss Marcedas Phyliben
Mrs. I. N. Patterson	Miss Martha Falkenstein
Mr. S. W. Brown	

Spring Garden Avenue Seventh Ward.

Mrs. Frederick Beehner	Miss Gertrude Schroeffel
Mrs. David Bear	Miss Mary Longmore
Miss Olive Matthews	Miss Jeanette Bear
Miss Katherine Biglow	Miss Lottie AShirley
Mrs. Octavia Wood Mitchell.	

Spring Hill Seventh Ward.

Miss Louise McManus	Miss Hannah Dwyer
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Eighth Ward.

Mrs. H. Frank Borland	Miss Anna T. Law
Miss Lida Blum	

Ninth Ward.

Mrs. James Adair	Mrs. A. W. Warner
Mrs. Charles McKnight	Miss Scott
Mrs. Wallis J. Tener	Miss Katherine Harlow
Mrs. C. E. Postlethwaite	Miss Martha Porter
Mrs. John M. Tate, Jr.	Miss Henrietta McGeary
Mrs. Frank Straw	Miss Helen McGeary

Mrs. James Arrott, Jr.
 Mrs. Marcus Stoner
 Mrs. L. B. Chesebro
 Miss Chesebro

Miss Betty Wardrop
 Miss Frances Atwell
 Miss Katherine Over
 Miss Margaret Adair

East Street Tenth Ward.

Mrs. D. N. Bulford
 Mrs. John Prichard
 Mrs. Frank Gaither
 Miss Bertha Gross
 Miss Jeannette Gross

Miss Edith Latimer
 Miss Evelyn Day
 Miss Ella Day
 Miss Katherine Duff
 Miss Marjorie Duff

Charles Street Tenth Ward.

Miss Grace McCafferty
 Miss Helen Stitcher
 Miss Sara Rankin
 Miss Cora McCafferty
 Miss Virginia Cooper
 Miss Elizabeth Campbell
 Miss Virginia Zinn
 Miss Leona Atwell
 Miss Clara Rankin

Miss Grace Hamilton
 Miss May Rippl
 Miss Gertrude Zinn
 Miss Laura Chess
 Miss Rhoda Draper
 Miss Jane Campbell
 Miss Vera Kellett
 Miss Mary Rhivers
 Miss Margaret Nichol

Shady Avenue Eleventh Ward.

Mrs. John Konle
 Mrs. A. G. H. Frazier

Mrs. Thomas Clark
 Miss Leona Taylor

East Street Twelfth Ward.

Mrs. E. P. Russell
 Mrs. George Edgar

Mrs. G. W. Seaman
 Mrs. Rodgers

Fine View Twelfth Ward.

Mrs. E. S. Giles
 Mrs. John Day
 Mrs. George Lohman
 Mrs. L. E. Umsted
 Mrs. John Stewart

Miss Nannie Stinson
 Miss Ada Stanford
 Miss Martha Moore
 Miss Winifred Umsted
 Miss Ella Giles

Thirteenth Ward.

Mrs. Charles R. Coffin
 Mrs. S. R. Steele
 Dr. Mary Coffin
 Miss Violet Littell

Mrs. Fannie King
 Mrs. Bodell
 Mrs. Lizzie Leas
 Mrs. John Alston

The Misses Bodell

Hall Street Fifteenth Ward.

Miss Juliet Knox
 Miss Anna Trimble

Miss Edna Beale
 Miss Dorothea Eggers

Mrs. F. A. Schmucker	Miss Mildred Renwick
Mrs. Charles Wood	Miss Mary Trimble
Mrs. W. D. James	Miss Virginia Evans
Miss Eleanor Schmucker	Miss Lydia Ferguson
	Miss Evans

Meyran Avenue Fifteenth Ward.

Mrs. John H. Chatham	Miss Mary Maxwell
Miss Ethel Ross	Miss Grace Turkle
Miss Helen Edgar	Mrs. Walter Maxwell
Miss Dorothea Maxwell	Mrs. Fred Schum

Day Nursery and Temporary Home.

Miss Sarah Bishop	Miss Minnie Hansen
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Woods Run Playground.

Mrs. Adelia Steel Fueller	Miss Rebecca Lindsay
Miss Anna M. Smith	Miss Young

Phipps Park. Home for Colored Children.

Mrs. E. G. Whitehead	Miss Dessa M. James
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Note.—This list is not as accurate as usual this year, owing to the fact that a number of our volunteers neither registered nor gave their names to the assistant kindgartners. In a few of the schools there really were fewer workers, on account of absence from the city during the unusual heat. This made the burden doubly hard for the others; and we wish to acknowledge their devotion. The list of volunteers in the flower department cannot be published because it is so large that it is practically impossible to secure it.

SPECIAL SUPERVISORS FOR 1911 SUMMER TERM.

Kindergarten.

Mrs. Lillian McCall Stofiel.

Games and Drills.

Miss Elma McKibben.
Miss Evelyn Egbert.

Industrial.

Miss Jean Boswell

Manual Training.

James Gardner.

Kindergarten Directors.

Miss Willa Schwietering	Miss Mae Dunlap
Miss Elizabeth Stevenson	Miss Emma Price
Miss Carrie Hubacher	Miss Edna Hemphill
Mrs. Ida McKenzie	Miss Katherine Price
Miss Ruth Permar	Miss Helen Dill
Miss Lucy McCarty	Miss Marian Hughes
Miss Nettie Wallace	Miss Nellie Swearingen
Miss Gertrude Allers	Miss Louise Smith
Miss Edith Butler	Miss Lucy Wilson
Miss Amy Hannington	Miss Martha Woodburn
Miss Edna Hoedle	Miss Daisy Tyler

Kindergarten Assistants.

Miss Mabel Irwin	Miss Edna Duysters
Miss Charlotte Parmely	Miss Ora Weed
Miss Ethel Schreiner	Miss Frances Stimple
Miss Anna Forrest	Miss Mildred Umsted
Miss Edna Grifley	Miss Alice McKelvey
Miss Sunshine Ferguson	Miss Frances Ferguson
Miss Mary Boyle	Miss Alice Dripps
Miss Margaret Allen	Miss Martha Vincent
Miss Natalic Freeman	Miss Agnes Lambie
Miss Rosalie Supplee	Miss Frances Bailey
Miss Bathilda Evans	Miss Florence Houston
Miss Margaret Bonsall	Miss Flora Heisch
Miss Sadie Porter	Miss Jane Dickson
Miss Maud Speer	Miss Roma Beggs
Miss Edith Mendel	Miss Mary Van Kirk

Basketry Teachers.

Miss Helen Sullivan	Miss Agnes Willis
Miss Grace Buente	Miss Elizabeth Duffy
Miss Nellie Hubacher	Miss Marion Brewer
Miss Jennie Allers	Miss Josephine McGaw
Mrs. Rose Cleveland Scates	Miss Edythe Dripps
Miss Nellie Chapman	Miss Marguerite Taylor
Miss Doris Lafferty	Miss Bertha Jones
Miss Jennie Redpath	Miss Clara Wood
Miss Grace Johns	Miss Jean Lacock
Miss Lulu Bolton	Miss Marion Brown
Miss Verstine Finley	Miss Nannie Weaver
Miss Isabelle Taylor	Miss Elizabeth McClelland
Miss Bessie Dripps	Miss Marie Gold
Mrs. Elizabeth Duffy	Miss Minnie Segelman
Miss Harriett Crawford	Miss Sarah Marshall

Miss Mae Newbaker
Miss Ora Albright

Miss Myrtle Watt
Miss Minnie Dunning

Miss Erma Jones

Sewing Teachers.

Miss Jean Herron
Miss Jessie Hastings
Miss Mary Reid
Miss Julia Donovan
Miss Jean Barris
Miss Bessie Barris
Miss Lyde Norton
Miss Lily Crosby
Miss Helen Oursler
Miss Ethel Sanford
Mrs. Annie MacCord
Miss Rebecca Oursler
Miss Marguerite Farrell
Mrs. Mary Hughes
Miss Mary Wight

Mrs. Ruth Russell Seybold
Miss Dorothea Waldschmidt
Miss Marion Jennings
Miss Rebecca McKnight
Miss Kathryn Angloch
Miss May Russell
Mrs. Elizabeth Neal
Miss Ethel Proven
Miss Dora Dalzell
Miss Lillian Caldwell
Miss Ruth Turkle
Miss Olive Freese
Miss Genevieve Oursler
Miss Elizabeth Kelly
Miss Kathryn Sturm

Miss Marion Burns.

Game Teachers.

Miss Lois McCracken
Miss Nellie Chesebrough
Miss Pocahontas Staufft

Miss Alida Carson
Miss Margaret Blair
Andrew Park

Raymond Scholl

Art and Nature Teachers.

Miss Catherine Elliott
Miss Katherine Farrell

Miss Eleanor Tener
Miss Louise Lafferty

Pianists.

Miss Myrtle Thompson
Miss Elspeth Prichard

Miss Barbara Krepp
Miss Dora Lang

Cooking Teachers.

Miss Lillian Conwell

Miss Mary Meighan
Miss Sara Williams

Millinery Teachers.

Miss Sara Watt

Miss Anna Fayre
Miss Andrewla Slaybaugh

Kitchen Garden Teachers.

Miss Reatha Weber

Miss Margaretta Watt

Vocal Teacher.

Miss Grace Clayland.

Swimming Teacher.

Walter Shook

Manual Training Teachers.

B. S. Joyce	James Glenn
William Lacock	Clyde Hazlett
Ralph Waldo Emerson	W. J. Hamiltln
Harry Aspinwall	Elmer Rankin
S. W. Bishop	David Jones
Daniel Dickson	William Allewelt
Alvin Dyer	Cortlandt Whitehead
Howard Cornwell	Wilbur Gettman
Chester Hixenbaugh	John Herriott
George Blair	Claude Gruber

James Haas

Teachers In The Winter Playgrounds.

Miss Evelyn Egbert	Miss Ruth Turkle
Mrs. Rose Cleveland Scates	Miss Jean Dunn
Mrs. Elizabeth Duffy	Miss Julia Bright
Miss Lillian Conwell	Howard Cornwell
Miss Genevieve Oursler	Claude Gruber
Miss Louise Smith	James Huff, Jr.
Miss Marion Jennings	Harry Balsinger

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT.

The summer work of each department in the eighteen school playgrounds and vacation schools is given in detail not only by the chairman but by the teachers, also that of the Phipps Park, of the Home for Colored Children and of the Woods Run Playground. The only reports of the First Allegheny Day Nursery and Temporary Home for Children, the Swimming School for Girls in Lake Elizabeth, West Park, and of Nunnery Hill Ball Park given elsewhere in this book are those of the teachers, as these playgrounds are not supplied with chairmen, or acting principals, as are the other twenty-one.

The Nursery was given a playground for the first time this year; and the friendless little ones there were very happy during the two months, July and August. The children clung to the teachers with so much affection in their little hearts that it was hard to say goodbye to them. Even then it was with many promises of frequent visits and of good times at Christmas and

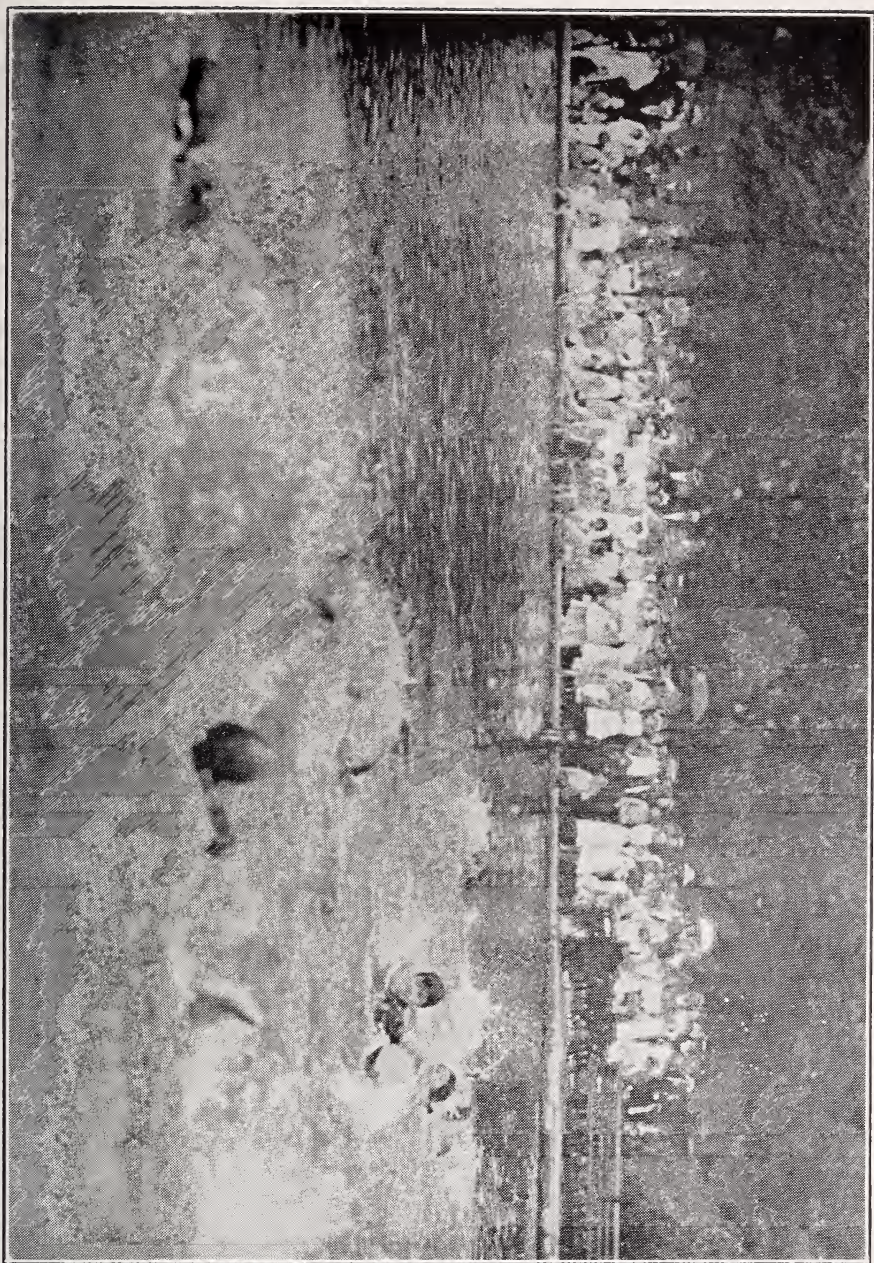
for the coming summer. Perhaps nowhere in the city was the supervised play more needed and more appreciated than by these forlorn little boys and girls.

The Swimming School was a wonderfully attractive place on the hot summer afternoons of July and August. The banks of Lake Elizabeth were always lined with crowds of interested spectators watching the hundreds of girls disporting in the water. Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons, from one-thirty until four, were reserved for girls from eight to fourteen years of age. The Association furnished neat bathing suits for 144, "first come, first served," but many had made their own in the sewing schools and were correspondingly proud of them. Others had been planned at home through the care and forethought of the mothers. Many of the girls have become proficient swimmers during the past two seasons. A water festival was given on August 23rd.

The ball park of the Nunnery Hill boys is located in an abandoned stone-quarry on the hill-side. Some years ago the Association furnished the lumber and the boys erected their own grandstand and backstop. The quarry can be clearly seen from the tops of the surrounding hills; and when games are played they furnish free entertainment for the entire neighborhood. As the street cars pass the passengers and conductors inquire anxiously how the score stands. The "Juniors" who play there are quite as enthusiastic as the members of the Athletic Association.

Our winter playgrounds, or social centers, start in September when the regular schools open; and close with them in June. In March 1910 three were opened on the North Side. Since that time three more have been added. Five of these are conducted in the school houses of the city, while the sixth is in the Field House of Phipps Park. We have no volunteers in this work, as it is impossible to secure the entire time of any person or persons capable of rendering efficient service; but we have excellent teachers who are heartily in sympathy with the aims of the Association; and who have proven themselves true settlement workers.

Interesting reports are offered by the directors of the Phipps Field House and of the Nunnery Hill Settlement House, which is located in the old Twelfth Ward School Building. It is inspiring to witness the enthusiasm of the classes—consisting not only of boys and girls of all ages, but of adults. Big brothers and sisters and tired mothers and fathers find many sources of pleasure and profit here. Musical evenings are greatly enjoyed and are given frequently, as we have player pianos both places. Games drills and gymnastic exercises occupy the energetic, while the quieter ones prefer dominoes, checkers, parcheesi or late periodicals,



SEVENTY-FIVE YARD DASH.

Photograph by Mr. Bingham, Gazette-Times



The other social centers are conducted during the late afternoon and evening hours, 3:30 to 5:30 and 7 to 9, in the Spring Hill Seventh Ward School, the Eight Ward School, 1400 East Ohio Street, the Thirteenth Ward School, Troy Hill, and the Meyran Avenue Fifteenth Ward School. Industrial classes in cooking, sewing and manual training are conducted in all except the last named, which has only sewing and manual training. Excellent work is being done in these communities; and good fellow-ship is promoted among the citizens. When entertainments are given they are largely attended and greatly enjoyed. We have not found it necessary to pay any one to furnish the entertainment for us. Our friends have been most kind on these special occasions. The principals of these schools are heartily in sympathy with us, and commend highly the efforts we are making to have all the citizens feel that the schools are the true neighborhood centers of these and all communities. We have gained the confidence of the parents and they now endorse this winter work as highly as they have always done that of the summer playgrounds.

REPORT OF THE SUMMER TERM—KINDERGARTEN SUPERVISOR.

The Hymeneal Altar and the opening of two new schools are responsible for several changes in this department. Of the twenty-one schools having kindergartens, seven, Sherman Avenue Second Ward, Fourth, Fifth, Seventh Spring Hill, Eleventh, Twelfth Fine View, Fifteenth Hall Street, were left unchanged. In four others, the Third and Colored Home, East Street Tenth and Irwin Avenue the directors or assistants were exchanged or transferred. This was done for greater convenience to the worker or for the work.

The director of East Street Tenth was transferred to the Eighth formerly having been assistant there. This vacancy was caused by the marriage of the director. And the assistant of East Street Tenth was made director here. The Spring Garden Seventh made vacant also by marriage was filled by a former most successful worker who had been residing in the west for some time. The ninth Ward vacated for the same cause, and the East Street Twelfth also the Irwin Avenue whose director had been transferred to one of the new schools, the Meyran Avenue Fifteenth, were all filled by enthusiastic kindergarteners of high standing.

So the work began with the same enthusiasm and confidence as in those schools where no changes were made. The songs given these little people through this department carry a wealth of good cheer into hundreds of cheerless homes, and the clean, whole-

some games given to take the place of the uncouth, meaningless street games are an uplift in as many localities.

Little "Bluebell" of lower Allegheny stepped out of the Kindergarten room walking very erect, for perched on top of one curl was a tiny soldier cap she had just made. Her look of triumph and military bearing would almost convince one she had battled with human enemies and came out gloriously victorious rather than that she had mastered her own clumsy little fingers, and made all "my own self this yere cap. Its too little. I'm goin to make a big un when I go home outer a newspaper and this un 'le be my clothes pin doll's. We and the kids down our street 'll play "Soldier Boy" and "Here Comes our Soldier March-in," and we'll have lots of fun."

Thus when playground closes the teachers have the blessed consciousness that they have given the children a repertoire of games and thrown about them a healthy play atmosphere not found ordinarily in the alleys nor on the streets.

Respectfully submitted,

LILLIAN McCALL STOFIEL.

REPORT OF THE SUMMER TERM—INDUSTRIAL SUPER- VISOR.

It is no wonder that Miss McCoy "hated to give up her work."

Have you ever visited the Allegheny playgrounds during the five weeks summer session? No! Then you have missed a rare treat.

I entered the charmed circle of teachers this summer for the first time, and just as one beholds a beautiful picture and goes away with a larger vision in his soul, so I feel that none of us will ever be the same again. We will think bigger thoughts and do larger service, and always live on a little higher plane.

What is it that makes the work so fascinating? "Oh," said one teacher, "you love it so, and after you once get into the work the summer seems incomplete without it." The children get such a grip on your heart and you feel as though you could not do enough for them. And the wonder of the work that tiny fingers accomplish in so short a time! Lovely little dresses trimmed with dainty lace, tucks and hemstitching, beautifully finished inside and out, dainty white aprons, and "homey" colored aprons "for mother." Pretty underwear with bits of hand embroidery here and there, all kinds of bags, towels and iron holders; shirts and swimming trunks made by the boys, who are wonderfully proud of their work, and an endless variety of pretty things which go back into the homes to make them happier and brighter. The great number and variety of beautiful, sewed

Indian baskets, and all kinds of reed baskets attest the skill and patience of both teachers and pupils.

One boy proudly displayed a clothes hamper he had made for his mother, in which to carry her clothes to and from the line.

The millinery is most attractive, and the girls love to sew the pretty braids and learn the different materials and combinations of color. In the Art Department, the work is made both useful and beautiful and the pupils soon learn to apply their designs to all kinds of table scarfs, bags, pillow tops, etc., etc.

But after all is said about the actual work accomplished, the loving spirit of it all can never be put on paper, for it has gone into the lives of the little children, and to Mrs. Cowley and those who have labored with her so patiently and lovingly the King shall say: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Respectfully submitted,

JEAN BOSWELL.

REPORT OF SUMMER TERM GAME SUPERVISOR.

Another year has ended for the Allegheny Summer schools and like its predecessors it has been most successful. There is so much to be done and the time so short that I am almost panic stricken at times. But each year the children respond better because of their training the year before. It is such a joy to have some school of which you have despaired come forward and do better work than any of the others and that is what I found more than once this year. This has been made possible by the excellent assistance we have had from the industrial and manual training departments. From the beginning both teachers and children were interested and worked toward field day and it was not long until we found out that it is not only the society girl who thinks of the effect she will produce by personal adornment. As soon as exhibition and Field Day were mentioned I was beset by a bright eyed crowd waving their hands in the air with "Teacher what kin I wear?" When they were told to wear what ever they wished some went off with a dreamy expression pondering their little heads how they would look their prettiest. But the best laid plans of mice and men oft gang alee" as we all can testify. It is not often the weather man is so unkind to us but the rain only gave us a little more time to perfect our plans.

I can safely say that field day was one of the most effective we have ever had. We tried to do away with school rivalry and make it a good time for all.

I can not say how happy I am to have Miss Egbert as a side partner this year and I wish to thank all the game and industrial teachers for their hearty co-operation with us.

Respectfully submitted,

ELMA L. McKIBBEN.

REPORT OF SUMMER TERM GAME SUPERVISOR.

From first to last, the children greeted us with enthusiasm, and entered eagerly into the games, drills, folk dances, races, etc.

In preparing for the Field Day exercises, there was much rivalry among the girls, as to which schools might gain the front rank—the place of honor.

Competition in this, included not only excellent work, but enrollment as well, and a responsiveness to our efforts to make them happy.

Where there was no special game teacher for them, the boys played with the girls; and this gave added zest and cheer to such organized games as Battle Ball, Corner Ball, Square Ball, and Dodge Ball.

The work could not but be successful and enjoyable, for the children were alert, obedient, and well-disciplined; and the teachers always ready to “fill in,” at the right moment, were certainly most earnest and faithful.

On Field Day, there were many features worthy of notice; the enthusiasm of the boys in their (impromptu) races and contests; the spontaneity of all the children in their play; and the delightful spirit in victory or defeat, and in the receiving of their prizes.

These prizes, although small and of no value, were received with such a look of joy and such a grateful “thank you,” that we were more than repaid for our efforts.

Indeed, this one incident alone, the hearty appreciation of a simple little prize, gave us an added insight into the souls of these children; and sent us away with one more lesson learned from our playground children.

Respectfully submitted,

EVELYN EGBERT.

REPORT OF VOCAL MUSIC INSTRUCTOR.

Singing was taught for the second time, by a special teacher in this summer of 1911—and with better success than last year, for the children seemed to understand more what was expected of them. Eight schools, one playground, and the Colored Orphan Home were instructed.

In schools where the classes were very large there were two classes during the hour—but where the classes were smaller just one during that time.

In some schools, the boys were anxious to come to the music class but in others they could not be persuaded to come in, while some times they would come in, one by one, and sit and listen quietly during the whole period. Some times boys who were very fond of singing would slip back into the room with the second class. One boy who always came back said to me one day "Do you know why I am such a good singer?" "I sing in a Nickelo-deon." In a number of schools I found little girls who sang in air-dances and the like.

It is wonderful to see how the children like really good music especially the "baby songs" the lullaby's. They would often say after a new song had been taught—"Isn't it great isn't it grand—Oh! ain't it beautiful" or "Oh, I like that." Children mostly sing in a loud harsh tone, but it is wonderfully easy to get them to use their soft little voices, and the result is so much better, both in the tones produced, and their poor little throats are not so abused.

At our Exhibition the children were highly indignant with me afterwards because one of their favorites "Little Barelegs" hadn't been sung—when I explained that it was because there hadn't been time, they said. "Well, if you'd sung it first, you would have had time."

The children would ask to sing the songs that they learned last year and even remembered the words, which shows they were impressed by what they learned.

A little boy, not a vacation school boy, once said to me that he thought no child's education was complete unless he knew "The Carnival"—and it has proved popular with the Allegheny Vacation School children for they all love it.

A great deal of the success of the music is due Miss Barbara Krepp, who was always a help with the children besides being a talented pianist. I wish to thank the industrial teachers, who aided by their presence in the class room, and the chairmen, who always saw that every thing ran smoothly. Mrs. Cowley did not see as much of the singing classes as both the children and the instructor wished but we knew she was busy elsewhere.

Respectfully submitted,
GRACE GRIFFITH CLAYLAND.

REPORT OF THE SWIMMING INSTRUCTOR.

The numbers of girls are still increasing. Last summer we had a little over 5001 girls in the lake. This summer we had 7141 girls, an increase of 2140 girls over last year.

The new suits came in handy. The First Annual Girls Swimming Races proved successful. Jennie Miller, a girl from the Third Ward won 1st prize in the 75 yd. race. Jennie learned to swim in Lake Elizabeth under the Summer School Association, and she did well. Quite a number of girls developed into swimmers this summer.

Mr. Moore and Mr. Fielding did all in their power to help the good work along. We had girls in the lake from all over the country. One girl from California bathed in the lake quite often. One from Ohio, one from New York, Bellevue, West End, Knoxville, Pittsburgh, Carrick and Woods Run were represented, and every ward on the North Side.

Mrs. Cowley, Miss Stoner, and her sisters were present at the races. Mr. Dan Brown, Swimming Instructor at the Tenth Ward School, Mr. James Moore, Supt. of N. S. Parks and Mr. John Fielding assisted with the Swimming Races.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER W. SHOOK.

THE PHIPPS PLAYGROUND WINTER WORK.

From the time school is dismissed across the way, until 9:00 P. M., Phipps Field House is crowded with children, eager for work, and happy in play.

They come to us from the parochial schools; from the Fifth Ward, and even from the Third .

One cannot but wonder at the regularity in attendance, the never-flagging enthusiasm, the great improvement in the manners and appearance of the children.

They are an unusually healthy set—not a contagious disease recorded since the opening of the playgrounds.

Here, as elsewhere, you will observe that the child with sound teeth and good vision is the exception.

We can, and do, take our boys and girls to the oculist; we wish we could as effectively take them to the dentist.

Parent's visits have been frequent; the mothers gratified that their boys are happy, industrious and well cared for at night; that their daughters have so many industries and pleasures, with few idle hours for mischief.

One afternoon a week, the girls have a "party," when the house over-flows; the boys have their parties too. This week, thro' the kindness of Mr. Chas. Duffy, they will have their first magic lantern entertainment.

The Christmas entertainment was a great success, the children rejoicing in their tree, and the many, many gifts of their own making.

The walls and ceilings were resplendent with kites and baskets, and the specimens of sewing, knitting, crocheting, embroidery, drawing and painting.

Dear to the hearts of the little girls are their "bibs," with pigs, ducks, chickens, and sun-bonnet babies, embroidered in bright colors, and all hem-stitched, on three sides.

Their laundry-bags and school-bags are appropriately stenciled, embroidered and monogramed.

Their new Xmas dolls have complete outfits even to the opera-capes.

Between the needle-work, and Mrs. Duffy's classes in the arts and crafts, the time of the older girls has been well occupied. They have been busy with their fancy work, and with practical under-garments for themselves, and for their small brothers and sisters, and are impatient for the spring, when they may commence their dress-making and millinery.

Probably, the most interesting department is our boys' sewing class. Their request "for shirts and pajamas" came as a surprise. Shirts were given to them at once; and they are putting into their work, all the patience and earnest endeavor displayed in an older girls' sewing class. But, the idea became contagious: on the second "shirt-night," had we turned a listening ear to every boy who "wanted to make a shirt," we should have had to enlarge the house.

Preference was given to the deserving, and these are already planning pennants and swimming-trunks, when shirts and pajamas are completed.

The smaller boys were consoled with marble-bags and school-bags, book-covers and neck-ties.

As it now is, the boys have four nights weekly; and yet they wonder "why the girls get the other night."

For the boy who is not looking for work, there is the piano, with its lively records; books, magazines, games; and the improvised gymnasium, where they delight in showing their skill in boxing, wrestling, jumping, tumbling, and athletic stunts of every description.

'Tis a hard task to keep them away from the door until opening-time; a harder one to drive them home at closing-time; yet a splendid set of boys, to whom Phipps Playground is a great blessing.

The visits from Mrs. Cowley have been frequent; and the success of the playground, is due to her constant oversight of the

children's welfare, and her helpful suggestions to teachers and employees.

Every boy, and every girl, seems to think of her as a personal friend.

So, they hold her, in their conversation, and there can be no doubt that that is the place she occupies in their hearts.

Respectfully submitted,
EVELYN EGBERT, Director.

WINTER PLAYGROUND WORK—TWELFTH WARD NUN- NERY HILL.

During this first year of winter work we have tried to meet the needs of the children out of school hours—always remembering the home spirit of kindness and helpfulness to be our first consideration.

There has been the same problem of only five school days in the week, and long and strenuous has been the protest from the boys—"If the girls have three nights—how'er we goin' to have three?" and again—"Aw—the girls git everythin." So there have been Saturday sessions sometimes—just to even things up a little.

The girls have sewing every afternoon, taught by Miss Smith, and beside the usual assortment of useful things—there is a class in dressmaking. Very plain little dresses, but just what we need.

Thursday there are cooking classes taught by Miss Conwell. One for the girls in the afternoon where they learn to make plain food attractive and also an evening class for women when the subject is scientifically taken up regarding food values and chemistry.

The older sisters and several of our Twelfth Ward teachers seem to appreciate this opportunity.

The interest in Manual Training among the older boys—even among younger ones has been intense. Mr. Gruber was untiring in his efforts to make the work attractive, and the results speak for themselves. More than one proud possessor of a well-made sled implored me—"Please coast just once"—and I did—arriving intact but shaken.

Oh Yes! One night after school we went "bobbing"—but that is another story.

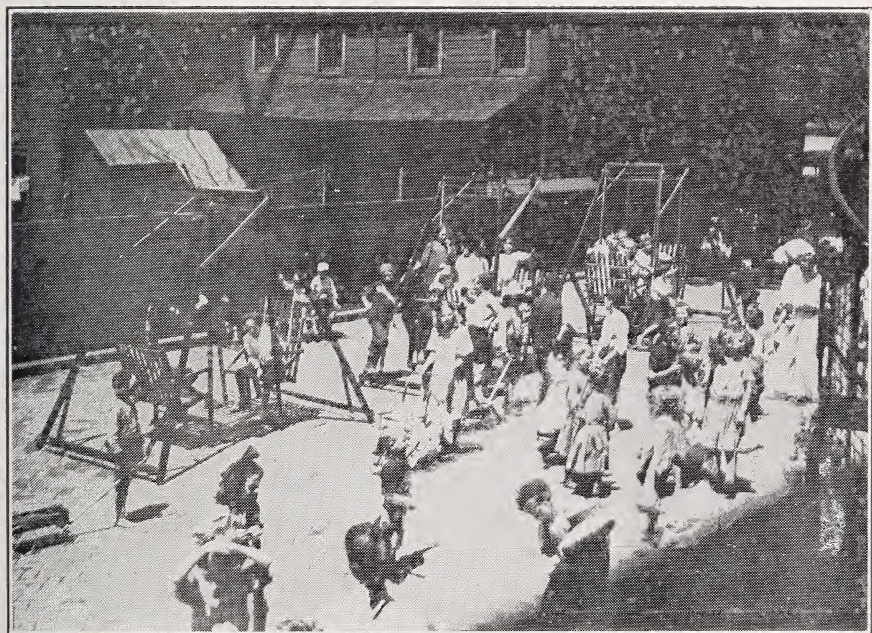
The girls and boys alike enjoy basketry, each having classes two nights every week. The boys still fail to appreciate the fact that sewed Indian baskets are much nicer—for are not reed baskets made much more quickly!

The physical culture work under Miss Bright is an inspiration and delight. Drills of all sorts, marching and games keep



TRYING A NEW GAME.

Photograph by Mrs. Cowley.



A VIEW FROM A SCHOOL-HOUSE WINDOW.

Photograph by Mrs. Cowley.

us active and interested. On one or two nights when the cars absolutely refused to run and the boys had despaired of her coming—one had only to hear the delighted roar which greeted her appearance to realize what her work and good fellowship mean to the boys.

Friday nights, our social night, Miss Bright also teaches a class folk-dancing. We also have games, music and fun. Sometimes a treat. Perhaps we make our own candy—and since we have a comfortable old fashioned coal stove—we make tea or cocoa.

Our Halloween party was an event: we did mysterious things and told wonderful stories while the jack-o-lantern grinned cheerfully into the darkness. "And the goblins"—didn't "ketch us."

Christmas was as merry—our tree as beautiful as ever. We made our own candy boxes—our red and green chains—and other decorations—the older boys trimming the tree—cleaning the room, and helping to put up our exhibit.

Two well attended mother's parties have been among our winter pleasures. One Thanksgiving time—and one on St. Valentines Eve. We made real valentines and the kitchen was gaily decorated for the festive occasion.

The average attendance for the boys is fifty, often being over seventy.

We began with over fifty girls, but this severe weather dropped our average to thirty-three. Many of the younger ones not attending in the evening.

I might write for hours about the children. The light in one small face, a child slightly deficient, when certain work was done, was worth seeing. The first experience of something tangible accomplished. One boy, just back from the reform school, after doing a man's work all day, patiently works at his basket or drills like a soldier, instead of "loafing over on Perrysville."

This report would be too long were I to tell of half the things that made us glad and sorry, and glad again, but we have gained a sweeter spirit in our play—a better understanding of why we work, and above all we are thankful for learning how to help each other more wisely.

ROSE CLEVELAND SCATES, Director.

SHERMAN AVENUE SECOND WARD.

Shouts of "There's my teacher, there's my teacher," was the joyous welcome we received on arriving at Sherman Avenue playground.

Old King Sol seemed to be in league with playground work for the year nineteen hundred eleven. The intense heat, day

after day with scarcely any rain, made the home of the children in the crowded districts, a place of dread and the playground a cool, happy retreat.

The children started their work for the summer with a spirit, very similar to that with which they closed the preceding year. Punctuality, neatness of personal appearance, regard for the directions given in the opening exercises and the effort put forth to bring success from them, were noticeable features of the work that helped to make it a delight to all.

Never before have they been so attracted to the sand. Little children, large boys and girls and even mothers were often seen sifting the cooling sand through their fingers or sitting piling it in heaps about their bodies.

Knitters and knitting seemed more popular than ever. Some very large boys had yards and yards of the soft, colored yarn knit into chains which they sewed together and made into mats and children's tasseled caps. These boys would even buy more material from a small store near by in order that they might be quiet and cool enjoying their little chats as they knit. Later, these boys, who were our helpers in giving out toys and settling grievances among the wee folk, secured positions, and we missed their helpful presence very much.

The little children loved to wear the necklaces and bracelets made by their tiny fingers from the bright colored yarn. Quite a few girls made original designs similar to the jeweled chains that have been so popular among the grown people this season.

The express wagons were the favorite toys on the playground. Large boys and girls would ask for them so they too, might have the pleasure of hauling the little tots around or running races with each other. The clamor and cry of "Gimme a wagon, teacher, please gimme a wagon," seemed to ring in my ears, long after school had closed.

The swings always a source of comfort and pleasure were never left vacant. A visitor came to us one day and said "What are they standing in a line near the swings for?" I immediately replied, "Oh, they are playing train, and those are the groups of passengers waiting to get on at the next station." A roguish twinkle in their eyes and an exclamation of "I love you, teacher, but O my swing," was their way of expressing the good times they had in the swings.

The indoor period of the playground was a pleasure to Director and pupils. "I want to take mine home, to show Mother," was their cry when they made pretty things from paper.

Their enthusiasm almost reached its limit on Exhibition Day when they all made little purses and I gave them gold dollars. If they had been real gold dollars instead of only gold colored paper dollars, they could not have had more pleasure from them.

Mothers spoke of the pleasure their children derived from the work of their indoor period preferring to come to school rather than go down town with their parents. These parents certainly appreciate the work done for them and their little flocks when they express their gratitude in these words, "Oh, we get so much work done and then we know our children are happy."

We found that soap and towels afforded pleasure. One little curly headed tot, from a family of six attending the playground after feeling the pleasant sensation of soap and water with a clean towel, held up his feet and said "Me feet clean, feet too." On returning to the playground he ran home to show his mother,

We had a great time suppressing the desire to be helpers on the part of the little people who were hardly large enough to carry themselves "Me be a helper, to-day," "Me be a helper." "Won't you let me help carry the toys in?"

One day we were playing "I'm going to visit my neighbor, dear;" when who should appear in our midst but a donkey. He, too, wished a little recreation, aside from being led up and down the streets posing before a camera. He did not get time to visit long for the shouts of the children sent him clattering down the street with almost every child in pursuit.

Visits from Mrs. Cowley and our different supervisors were always enjoyed. We take this opportunity to thank our game and music teachers, our janitors and the willing volunteer workers for their helpful assistance.

Music and flower day was enjoyed by every one, even if they had to divide their small bouquets until they had only one flower for themselves.

Our kind, thoughtful Chairman had not forgotten the pleasure the flowers had given and surprised us all by giving a flower to each child in the school on the last day.

They seemed wild with joy when they saw the candy being carried in and as they marched out with their gay colored hats on their heads, a flag and flower in one hand and a box of candy in the other, it seemed like a grand finale in the play of life.

The work here was about the same as that obtained at East Street, Tenth Ward. Here the classes contained more girls than boys. The children all seemed so delighted to know that all the stencils would be applied on crash with oil paints. The work was very effective and it was a great pleasure to think that it would last. Here the children also fringed the crash which was so kindly given to us this year.

Water colors are always enjoyed and the cards tinted were really beautifully done.

Clay work and paper cutting always interest the younger children and simple fruits and vegetables were painted by them. The children here improve each year and the work is enjoyed even more than one could anticipate.

The Sherman Avenue girls were all anxious to make themselves hats, and my class there proved very interesting to us all. And from the very first the hats were tried on, first the bare frames, and then with yards of braid trailing behind the little milliners would look at themselves in the book-case door, which was the only mirror we had and comment on the becomingness of them. And so the five weeks slipped by quickly and it is time to bid good-bye to each other again.

Playground opened Wednesday morning, July 5th, with a good attendance. Although the weather was intensely hot, there was no lack of the play spirit among the children. Though seated at the piano, one can almost feel the inspiration. One might wish that she had eyes in the back of her head, that she might more often see the enthusiasm with which the children enter into the little Folk Dances and Drills under the leadership of a most capable Game Supervisor, Miss Egbert.

Having no special work for the last morning, I reported at the Sherman Avenue School, Miss Elliot having been appointed to take charge of the telephone, requested me to take charge of her Art and Nature Class. While distributing the candy, an incident occurred which is worthy of note. A large colored chap, having been served to one box of candy, moved slyly into another row, and received the second box with out my notice. The children were all very anxious to tell me, that one boy had two boxes of candy. Not having much experience in dealing with colored children, I did not know whether I could get the box of candy back or not. But I soon got the children quieted, and told them that if one boy was so dishonest as to keep two boxes of candy, that he would have the sin to answer for and not the other children. The boy immediately arose and returned the candy to my desk without further comment.

I enjoyed the work very much in all the schools; but especially in the Meyran Avenue Fifteenth and the Day Nursery. Hope that I may be able to be in the work, as long as the playground exists.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year in the summer school as Miss Clayland's accompanist. Everywhere the children have taken an interest in the singing lessons. I heard some

of them remark that they liked to see Miss Clayland and me coming, and from the way they would crowd around the piano and ask me to play I know the music was appreciated.

The time has seemed very short and I shall miss the happy faces of both children and teachers each morning, but hope to be with them again next year.

IRWIN AVENUE SECOND WARD.

We live in a social world whose happiness and well being depend on the right living and co-operation of the members of the community. The playground stands as a miniature world and in the same sense the co-operation, recognition of each others rights and loyalty of the children in the playground is necessary for its success and happiness. This is one of the most important uses of the summer playground and the training the children receive in this world of play along these lines is invaluable in future citizenship.

Another feature of the playground is the turning of wildness and lawlessness into organized, instructive play.

The play of children is not always spontaneous nor responsive, but this is just where the teacher is of use to develop a better play spirit.

The industrial departments use the play activity of the children by turning it into constructive activity thus enabling the children to make the best use of their powers and not only complete a definite object but also gain self mastery.

The detail work of the playgrounds as now organized and conducted was new to me and I entered the summer work with many misgivings, but my lot was cast in an exceedingly pleasant place. I wish to thank the chairman, Mrs. Hastings, for her ever ready and willing response to questions and her helpful suggestions. My work might have proved difficult if it had not been for her cheerfulness and encouragement.

I found a corps of teachers working in harmony and co-operation and a volunteer committee of helpful and faithful workers. Mr. Stadlander and his assistants must not be forgotten for their faithful work.

Visits from Mrs. Cowley and Mrs. Stofiel were always welcomed for the encouragement they gave.

As kindergarten director the part of the morning that appealed to me most was the period when the children were taken into the room to sing, play games, march, listen to stories and have occupation work. Here some definite ideals are presented to the kindergarten children in song, game and study.

The threefold nature of the child is reached, the physical in the physical activity of the march and games, the mental and spiritual in the ideals given in song and story and in the child's expression in the work given him to do. I found the Irwin Avenue children very obedient and polite and they gave admirable attention during story telling. A playground is a regular bee hive of activity and an onlooker must be interested in viewing the scene.

At one side are the large sand boxes always filled with a host of children, with shovels and buckets, building houses, tunnels, wells, forts, bakery shops, showing fine cakes, streets, lakes, railroads and many other attractions.

The swings too are always filled to overflowing and I found remarkable fairness among the children in taking turns and giving all a chance to enjoy the swings. The hammocks are reserved for the babies and many a nap was enjoyed in the open air amid a noisy throng of happy children, by these wee tots. What delights a small boy more than an express wagon or wheel barrow with plenty of room to run with it and freedom to shout if he wishes?

The yard at the rear is reserved for the larger boys where ball games, jumping and all kinds of boys' games are enjoyed. The ring games, circles of play and laughter, are always enjoyable to an observer as well as to the children.

Viewed as a whole a summer playground is a child's garden of play and while there are responsibilities, and troubles at times we must fix our minds on the possibility of sowing some helpful seed thoughts in some of the little minds and we can at least be assured that they have had wholesome thoughts and plays during the summer school term.

I am afraid that I am not fully qualified by experience to give a well balanced report of the past season's work in the Irwin Avenue Playground, for, to my mind, a report is more or less a tentative comparison with former seasons' work. and therefore, I shall simply call this a "First Year's Impression" for I have been overwhelmed with new ideas and suggestions.

I entered the work with no well defined action mapped out, but to do as I was told and do it well. For the first two or three days, I did this religiously, but the demands made upon me, in no way called for my making friends with the wee tots and there was "Genevieve,P" a sturdy, erect, dimpled youngster of four years, who seemed to balance the calmness and fairness of generations of judges behind her wide-open grey eyes. She stood by one day, as I was vainly trying to convince some boys that sand throwing was more or less discouraging, and suddenly

she said "If I was you, I'd whip 'em!" and then considering the subject settled, turned on her sandaled heel and trotted off to ponder and solve some new difficulty.

And there were Marguerite and Bonelli; two clean; neat, black haired, Italian children. They were very shy and difficult to approach, but finally they broke silence and talked one whole first period with me. Among other things, they told me that their father was in Italy;— us, they didn't care to see him again. "He scared the mother." "But what did he do?" I innocently persisted. "Get drunk and break the dishes—what you think!" demanded Marguerite in great scorn for my stupidity. I believe she even pitied me a little.

As to the attitude of the other teachers, I have rarely seen such uniformity of good will, toward the children, and toward each other. Our chairman possessed the most wonderful understanding of children, the whole blessed crowd of them, that is possible, I believe.

As for myself, I am sorry the five weeks are over. I may safely say that they have been the busiest and most profitable twenty-five days that I remember spending, and I do hope that even a few of the children got the pleasure and profit that I did.

My most delightful summer since entering the playground work was spent this last term. Never again will I allow any one to say that twelve and thirteen year old boys are cruel little animals whose hearts can't be reached if they really have them. Some of my boys planned a trip to the woods to gather flowers when we had not enough to go round. I, of course was included and look back on that day as one of the happiest I have ever spent.

We spent the afternoon in the woods gathering golden rod and daisies and incidentally eating lunch. Then after returning home tied the flowers in smaller bouquets and the boys themselves carried them about to the homes of sick children we knew. One thing that struck me as especially interesting was the fact that they all expressed the desire for one small bouquet to take home for the dinner table.

We certainly worked together very pleasantly in every way this summer. I suppose we were noisy, we usually are but it is at least good natured light heartedness, not meant to be noise. And I'm almost certain if I should show you my boys you would have a hard time believing the incident I have just related.

When school opened the first day and the children came crowding into the basketry room I wondered how we would ever

satisfy their demands. They were very patient and waited quietly their turn to be helped.

The larger girls made Indian baskets and trash baskets. Some wanted sewing baskets and baskets for stockings. The boys loved the reed work and made many large baskets besides numerous small articles as quivers, bows, covered bottles and small baskets.

There was a never failing demand for napkin rings, fans, picture frames and bows.

The children all seem to love the basketry, particularly the bright colored raphia. One little tot came to me one day and said, "Teacher, please give me some pink parafine."

It is very interesting to watch how carefully they work and how anxious they are until they are sure "Teacher" approves.

They were so proud when they finished a piece and always begged to take it home to show their mothers.

We owe a great deal to Mrs. Hastings who was with us almost every day and helped us in directing the work.

To me this has been the happiest summer yet both on account of the pleasant relations that existed in our ranks and also, and this is better, I feel that we accomplished more good sewing.

From the day we commenced, and all my old friends came trooping in, to the last when we all hoped to meet again. It was a privilege to be there and help all those dear ambitious youngsters to sew neatly and to keep young with "Round the Mulberry Bush!" I do hope to be with them all another year.

It certainly was delightful to be among many of my friends of the previous year.

Everyone wanted balls, even the little boys who could not talk would cry for them.

Basket Ball, Base Ball and Volley Ball were for "us big fellows," while the tennis balls were for the "Kindergarten Kids."

But many boys who had graduated many years ago from Kindergarten were seen playing with tennis balls.

We had several exciting base ball games.

One morning, when the girls played the boys, the score was 18-14. Fate favoring the boys. Another time the score was well there are times when things are better left unsaid. But the girls managed to score.

The jumping standard was a great favorite.



A TYPICAL GROUP IN A SWING.

Photograph by Mr. Huber, The Post.



Near the jumping standard were two swings. Every morning our talented and star singers sat in these swings, and favored us with a concert of "Classical?()Songs."

Our Chairman, Mrs. Hastings, was like a rainbow. She always gave hope and encouragement and cleared our clouded skies. We all seemed like a large family with Mrs. Hastings for our mother.

It is with pleasure that I make a report of five exceedingly interesting weeks.

As the diver who hesitates when about to make the first plunge, but enjoys the exhilaration immediately afterwards, so did the few misgivings which I had concerning my initial attempt in summer school work vanish, and become very enjoyable, after my first hour with the enthusiastic boys of the Irwin Avenue Summer School.

The unflagging interest and seeming tirelessness of the boys, especially those under fourteen years of age, while industriously materializing some project in the shop is very notable. One morning a bee came soaring into the midst of the bristling and diligent little workers, but hastily betook himself to other quarters, evidently to seek associates more compatible with his nature, being a drone.

The base ball team journeyed to quite a few of the other schools and although we are not telling how many games our team won, but merely mentioning that the boys enjoyed these trips immensely and took their defeats like true sportmen.

The boys had access to the swimming pool and a person need only watch them but a minute to see what accomplished swimmers they are and what a great thing the public school natatorium is to the American boy.

CHESTNUT STREET THIRD WARD.

I am sure no happier crowd of children could be found than the one which greeted the teachers of the Third Ward at the opening exercises the first morning of the playgrounds.

For more than half an hour before the gates were opened the children were lined up along the fence asking each teacher as she came when they could come into the yard.

Immediately after the opening exercises the toys were distributed and then how anxious each little tot was to receive an express wagon. "Teacher, please give me a wagon for my little brother," was heard from all sides.

The children love to knit and would sit patiently for a half hour waiting for a little ball of yarn. The question most often asked in our school was, "Please, teacher, won't you give me a hank of yarn?"

The kindergarten is a very popular department. Many of the older children would coax to come into Kindergarten and make something. We had a band of willing workers consisting of our largest boys who were always anxious and willing to help the little tots in the occupation work and also in the new games.

Great interest was taken in getting ready for Exhibition Day. The children were always very anxious to have their work put up so that their mothers could come to see it.

The first day an old grand-mother came to school and asked us to enroll both herself and her daughter, as they were going to come with the children each day and wanted to be counted in with them.

Friday was the Great day of the week for them. The flowers were given out. Although the flowers were scarce the first of the term we had an abundance the fourth Friday and every child went home perfectly happy with three bunches of flowers instead of the usual bunch.

This year we had a milk station in our school and many were the babies brought here to be weighed and prescribed for by the nurse. This is certainly a great blessing for many a poor mother.

We wish to thank our chairman for the interest which she took in the work. Mr. Bingman, our janitor, was always most kind in helping us out of our difficulties.

I wish to recommend my two assistants who were very helpful in the work.

Miss Forrest was especially helpful during the story and the occupation periods.

Miss Beggs was most kind at the piano and was never too tired to play for the children. She was very good in the yard and was a great favorite with them.

It scarcely seems possible that five weeks have elapsed and our work in the playground is at an end. Anyone having the chance to work in the playground should consider it one of the greatest opportunities of a lifetime.

It would be really hard to judge what the children enjoy most, some are eager for the yarn, and the first thing in the morning you see them sitting on the ground lined up, waiting for it to be given out.

The indoor period of the kindergarten is also interesting and I love to see them working eagerly to get their little tasks finished before the end of the period.

I am sure they enjoyed the hours they spent in the playground. I also hope they have received from it as much good as I have.

To my director, Miss Hubacher, I wish to express thanks for her help and kindness to me throughout the work.

The summer school term is again at an end and as we look back over the five short weeks we can truthfully say. "This year was better and happier than last."

The quality of the work, both Indian and reed work, was so much better. Much of the designing was original and the baskets were beautiful in shape and color.

We worked together very happily, and the five weeks slipped by like five days. The last day came too soon for all of us, but most of the children contented themselves with planning for next year's baskets.

The summer work has given me very real joy and while the ideals seem far off, they are still there to work for, and each day's effort means something gained.

Oblivious of heat, insistent babies, discomfort of every kind the little mothers and fathers work and play with rarely an impatient word.

One of my big boys constantly caring for two small brothers, dropped his sixteen spoke basket just at the critical point of turning, with only a "Can't you let brother work!"

The inspiration and impetus these children bring to their work, in the face of conditions neither normal nor just to them, is to me the absolute proof now of final accomplishment.

One day an old man called me to the fence near which I was playing with the children, and insisted upon my taking ten cents to buy "things" for the children. Of course I thanked him and explained the situation.

Doing work with so many children, one sometimes feels the great need for more individual help, and there are days of discouraged effort, but I am beginning to see, that the patience, compromise, and adaptability necessary where many work together, mean growth, unity and more loving kindness.

In the Third Ward Chestnut Street, basketry was even more popular than the preceding year.

The children seemed to take such an interest in their baskets, the girls especially making some beautiful Indian baskets using

different designs. One day a girl about nine years of age came to me saying she was going to a summer home for two weeks but when I told her the playgrounds would be closed when she got back she said she would not go but would rather come to the playgrounds.

Going home one day I noticed a little boy standing outside the gate. He stopped me and said, "Say teacher will we have school next Sunday?"

One afternoon I spent going around with a nurse visiting the homes where there were sick babies. I was never so surprised to see how the majority of them live, most families where there were three or four children living in two or three rooms.

I could readily see why the children of the third ward loved to come to the playgrounds. I was glad I had gone out among them for the next day I felt more interested in the children and felt as though I couldn't do enough to make them happy.

It may seem strange to begin a report of a term's work with an incident of the last day, but one of that day seemed interesting. A "little mother" was conducting four younger brothers and sisters through the crowd assembled for "last day" and she said, "Oh I'm going to take them home—they're all in their bare feet." Thinking she was ashamed of their state, she was comforted by hearing that it was too hot for shoes anyhow. "No," she said, "I'm afraid they'll get their feet tramped off." She very fitly explained the situation at Chestnut Street at the final.

"Are you goin' to open the sewin' room this afternoon, too?" is a frequent question heard as the young seamstresses file out. "Please, teacher, kin I make a dress next?" is heard from an eight year old, perhaps, who can scarcely wield a number six needle or make half inch basting stitches straight. The children are ambitious and eager to reach the highest achievement—the making of a dress.

The girls between eight and fourteen, started in the Kitchen Garden with the same enthusiasm as has always existed there, on the first day of Summer School and continued to the last day. They sing while they play and sing while they work, and seem happy to do either. They learn many of the fundamental kitchen rules in song and play.

Much of the happiness and success was due to the helpful assistance of our volunteer, Miss Amelia McQuaid, who helped every day of school.

When I arrived at the School July 5th, I was met by many of the children who had been there the previous year. The cry was "O how glad we are that you are back."

The first morning many of the older girls came into our room bringing some new ones with them. They wanted to begin their drills at once.

My work was teaching the fundamental kitchen rules by songs and drills.

The little girls learned very rapidly and when we took up each day the little girls would ask to play "Waiting on the Door," and "See the Cook in the Kitchen."

The first and last period of each day was taken up with this work. This gave pleasure to both pupils and teachers.

The middle period was spent in the yard where we played ring games. There were several of the girls that stayed with us and helped us greatly by keeping the ring together and by joining in the work so happily themselves.

The last day of the term we were helped very much by the older scholars seeing that the little ones all got in line and by taking charge of some of them, themselves.

The boys were all very anxious to start work in the manual training class. About forty were enrolled the first day; their ages ranging from ten to sixteen. Some of the older boys who have been coming for the past several years are very helpful to their instructor.

During the past winter I met a young man who was a member of the class three years ago. He said he did not appreciate how much he enjoyed the summer work till he had to work all summer. He is learning to be an electric wireman.

The time was entirely too short to suit the boys and some did not get as much done as they had planned. But they are looking forward to next summer with much pleasure.

FOURTH WARD NO. 2.

The children in the Fourth Ward kindergarten spent a very happy summer. They were quite agreeable and I heard very few complaints about one child imposing upon another. They seemed to play with their whole souls. One living in such an atmosphere for five weeks cannot help in a measure at least, imbibing the same happy spirit. I really feel that it is food for the soul.

One morning in the beginning of the term, when trying to enroll the pupils, I asked one little boy his age, he said "eight" and judging from his size I thought probably he was almost nine

years of age and could enter one of the other departments and on making inquiry as to the date of his birth, he said "I don't know when I was eight, but I know I'll be nine on Ground-hog day."

The children were so delighted to come back to us, and our former pupils resumed their work where it had been discontinued last summer by the closing of school.

In the basketry department the boys preferred the reed work to the Indian work, with the exception of one little eight year old, just from the kindergarten, very small for his age, whose perseverance knew no limit. He insisted upon having an Indian basket, and I am sure he ripped and re-ripped the base of that unfortunate affair at least eight times until believing that the child was doing his best I permitted him to go on with it where upon he labored at and completed the rudest and most uncertain kind of a structure, gay as the combination of many brilliant shades of raffia could make it, and of which he certainly was proud. He already wants to discuss the style shape, and color of the masterpiece he is to make next year.

One day a bright faced little boy said to me, "Oh, I wisht' summer school wouldn't be done for twenty-five hundred thousand,—million years yet. I wisht' it would never stop I don't want to go back to the other school." And this child played as though he really meant this; and he loved to work at his baskets! His face was never brighter than when he was busy working.

As long as Summer School means so much to them is it not worth while to try to brighten with all the sunshine and joy that can be brought to them, the lives of these little children of the city?

A child one day asked, 'Why don't we have Summer School in the afternoon, too?' There were others who must have thought the same, for each day when the bell for dismissal rang, such remarks as these were heard, "Is that time to go home? Oh!" with regret, "I don't want to go home," "I want to stay and finish this," "I'll stay all afternoon, till after supper time, without any dinner."

We trust that the joy of useful work of which these children have had a little taste, may become greater each year and that these habits of industry thus implanted they may grow up to be useful and industrious men and women.

My second year in summer school work has been a very pleasant one. Quite a few of the faces the first day were familiar to me and the children all seemed as glad to be back to summer

school as I was glad to see them. The girls in sewing were very much interested in their work and surprised me by the amount done in such a short time. They all were sorry to see the last day come around but of course were pleased with the candy and flags.

It is with regret that I lay up my tools, and dismiss my class for this season. This year is my first experience with the summer school work and it has been a pleasant one.

Mr. George Saulters, who taught the first part of the season, left for another position and the manual training department was turned over to me.

The boys, about twenty in number, at once took up with my ways, and though most of them were too small to make many elaborate things, a few of the older ones made hat trees, foot stools, sleds and tabourettes.

Those of the boys too young to use the tools properly did knife work in thin bass wood, making small pieces such as dolls benches, sleds, plant stands, etc.

The boys were divided in two classes according to age, the older ones coming the first hour from nine to ten; and the younger ones coming the last hour from eleven to twelve. From ten to eleven was devoted to games in the yard, the favorites of which were base ball, high jumping, and captain ball.

Miss Voegtly, our chairman and many of the teachers cannot be sufficiently thanked for the help they gave us, and the interest they took in our work. Mr. McElroy, our janitor is one of our best friends.

FIFTH WARD.

"Oh, dear!" sighed a little five-year-old when the drum sounded warning that noon time had come, "Oh, dear! don't the time go fast!"

Yes, the time did "go fast" every day, and at the end of the five weeks work one can scarcely realize that the season has come and gone again, bringing with it the pleasures and work for children and teachers alike.

Although this summer has been one of the hottest seasons for years, it in no way interfered with the usual play and good times in the Fifth Ward, and the teachers at least seemed to forget the heat when they were surrounded by swarms of eager children who did not seem to know the mercury was creeping up all the time.

We missed some of our volunteer workers this year, but our chairman, was almost as faithful an attendant as the children, and with her aid and the co-operation of teachers and children we managed to have a very happy time.

Another playground season for the little children of the streets is over, and it meant a great disappointment to many when we told them it was the last day, but with the optimism of childhood they all cried out, "See you next year Teacher."

Our work in the Fifth Ward has been very interesting and I believe I may say also, very successful, the children are loud and to outsiders they would no doubt seem very unruly, but they are not and the most of them in spite of the dirt, are most loveable.

We had with us every day from twenty to thirty children from the Day Nursery and Temporary Home, on Locust Street, and it was a great pleasure to bring some happiness into those desolate little lives.

We were the means of saving one Baby's eyesight by giving its little sister a card with the address of the Eye Hospital. She brought the baby back to school with its eyes clear and bright where they had been in a most terrible condition.

Our chairman, Mrs. Bippus, had been most kind, being with us nearly every day of the five weeks, and we needed her.

Although the "vacation school summer work," at the Fifth Ward was carried through under a few difficulties this year I hope and feel sure that the children received as much good out of it as in former years.

This was shown to the teachers by the happy faces, sweet good byes and the request for summer school to continue longer.

Each year more children and homes are reached by the playground. No matter how early I came to school there was always a little crowd waiting for "teacher."

Basketry held if possible, more interest than ever before and each day the classes grew until they passed the hundred mark. All were anxious to make neat, firm baskets so the quality of the work was improved. Some made as many as six little baskets but the majority finished only one or two. A greater variety of baskets were made too. How often we heard the plea, "Can't I stay in to work, play hour?" or after being refused "Please let me take this into the yard to work?" or then "When does basket room open?"

One day a little fellow came hurrying into the room and asked if his basket might be kept for him until next week as his sister was going away and he must mind baby this week. He was very happy when told yes and you may be sure when sister came home he came back and worked harder than ever and soon had his basket made.

We all owe Mrs. Bippus a vote of thanks for her faithfulness and help at every turn.

Mr. Bishop, our manual training teacher did good work with his boys.

Besides the picture frames, book-marks, napkin rings, and cord-bags, they have made many reed and Indian baskets of all shapes and sizes.

This year our larger boys were more interested in the Indian baskets, and the girls preferred the reed work. This was just the reverse of former years, but they all worked well, and since there was quite a little rivalry, their interest never seemed to flag.

The children love the basketry work, and are always sorry when the play grounds close. Mr. Gregg is always kind to boys and girls.

It has indeed been a pleasure to be able to help those who have little at home of comfort and happiness and who are less fortunate than we.

The girls were very much interested in their work and the remark was often heard that they wished they had school all afternoon too, for they would never get tired sewing. Articles made aside from the regulation iron holders and towels, were pin-balls, bags of different kinds, fancy work aprons, drawers, underskirts, waists and dresses.

One flower day one of the girls said she would take hers home to her brother who was sick. She said, "I took them home last week and put them in water and he enjoyed them so much."

I wish to thank our chairman, Mrs. Bippus, also my assistant Miss Crosby for their great help.

Miss Boswell, our supervisor, who has such a bright and happy manner was a welcome visitor a number of times.

I must not finish my report without mentioning our devoted president, Mrs. Cowley, who is indeed the children's friend and is untiring in her efforts to make their lives brighter and happier.

We had about seventy-five girls enrolled the first few days and our average attendance was between fifty and sixty.

As this was my first year in the work, I could not tell, myself, how it compared with other years, but it certainly did surprise me, how much the children could accomplish when it is all hand sewing.

At first it seemed as though we were going to have some trouble to get work for the exhibition in Harrisburg, but when finally the pieces were decided on, the girls were very proud that their work had been chosen and were quite willing to have it go.

The girls were all good workers and most of them begrudged the time they had to spend in the yard. If for any reason we should happen to go into the hall, we were immediately surrounded by a crowd of girls, who anxiously inquired, "Is sewing going to take in now?"

Teaching millinery in the Fifth and Sixth Wards was a pleasure. I found the children willing as ever to learn and they did their work well and it was indeed hard to pick the best work for the Exposition, as nearly all of the work was well done, the classes were well attended and children coming every day, "Teacher please can I make a hat?" but as we could get no more material we could just take twenty-four in each school. It was hard to turn them away. I have heard of three or four children that have positions in stores that got their start at the playground school and one I know of is in the French room at McCreery's store.

Twenty-four were enrolled in the classes, ranging in ages from ten to fifteen years.

Almost every day some instance of untiring patience and aim for neat, good work was noticeable.

Owing to the fact that Millinery was every other day in each school, we made a rule that three days absence from class in succession without a good excuse, would mean for the girl to surrender her hat to one who was always anxiously waiting for it.

The rule had to be seldom enforced, all the girls working industriously day by day anxious to see the fruits of their labor.

On one occasion a message like this was sent to the teachers. "Mrs. Teacher:—

Please save Mary's hat until 11:30 for she has to carry Joe's dinner, but will hurry back."

It's with regret I leave the work in the playground this summer. It's been a happy five weeks to me.

The Art classes at Fifth and Sixth Wards were well attended. I believe the boys were most fond of the work yet on the whole, all the children were interested and as time "flew" all wished to have the work continue.

I surely feel repaid for the happiness we all enjoyed and will remember this term's work as a most happy one. May there be many such playground terms.

SIXTH WARD.

Every playground season brings to a busy Kindergarten Director, schooled to handle in her own department five or six hundred bright little girls and boys, so many happy recollections. To attempt to pick out a few for a report makes the writer wish that everybody who reads these few lines could know the mutual love existing between the little folks and herself. If you could know how deep and warm this affection is, then your eyes, too, would sparkle and dance as you recalled with me the happy look of expectancy as the dear little "men and women of the future" lined up to await the distribution of the coveted sleigh bells, carts, wheel barrows, buckets and shovels. And, oh, those toy kintters, sewing cards, and beautiful, colored yarns! As Don, Prancer and Sport went capering around in response to their drivers biddings the fun was incomplete unless the teacher approved very frequently and most heartily of the scamperings of these steeds. What inexpressible joy lay behind the seldom granted privilege of driving tandem!

No more cunning incident has, in our five happy years of playground experience at the 6th Ward, come under my notice than the one which it is my pleasure to share with you, now.

In order to teach the children how to show appreciation of performances without becoming boisterous, we permit them to applaud when we have special musical numbers. On one such occasion, a dear, little regular of seven years, who has grown thus far under our care from "a babe in hammock," was seated in the first row of children with her dolly on the floor in front of her. When it came time to applaud, she grasped one of dolly's hands in each one of hers and allowed the "china baby" to express her appreciation along with the little folks of flesh and blood.

Do you wonder that in eight years of playground work the writer has accumulated many of the fondest memories of her life?

It is with pleasure that I write concerning my summer's work in the Sixth Ward Playground.

Never before have I found work so interesting. As each little bright face approaches the playground, we find something that creates a vast interest in them.

Many times we are amused at their funny sayings and the manner in which they address us.

It is generally, "Mrs., he won't let me on the swing," or "Teacher, he tooked my shovel," but this one particular morning it was, "Lady, he is throwing sand on me." This amused me very much to think I had obtained the standard of excellence, "Lady."

The work in every way was more than pleasing. Their songs and games were all new and decidedly interesting.

I hope that when another year of Summer School Work approaches that I shall be found among the bright and happy faces of the North Side Playgrounds.

The Sixth Ward Playground opened July 5th, and ended August 8th, and during that time a very happy and helpful five weeks have been spent for both the boys and girls and the teachers. The attendance in the kindergarten was always large, particularly so on flower day, held every Friday and naturally the climax was reached the last day, the day of the treat. The children enter into the work with a view and heartiness that is very inspiring, beginning with the morning exercises which are held out of doors amid waving of the flags and beating of the drums. The greater part of the kindergarten work is carried on in the playground but the hour spent in the pleasant school-room is thoroughly enjoyed by all of us. Songs are sung and games played in which we are anything from graceful fairy to a wabbling duck. And many busy little fingers are eagerly transforming boxes and ordinary pieces of paper into wagons, soldier caps, butterflies, chains, match-safes and any number of articles, both useful and ornamental.

The boys as well as the girls work patiently on the knitting spools and sewing cards and the work was all proudly displayed on exhibition day and at the Pittsburgh Exposition and the State Museum at Harrisburg. Out in the playground the swings are always in use and the sand piles full, all busy with buckets and shovels. The hammocks were especially beneficial for the babies and in resting the tired arms of the little mothers and of course the wagons, wheelbarrows, brooms and horse reins were always in demand. I realize now, more than ever, what a blessing the Northside Playground and Vacation Schools are to the thousands of children that are kept off the streets.

Upon entering my first year as kindergarten assistant Mrs. Cowley promised that the playgrounds would be a "revelation" to me. This is the word I want to use now at the close of the term as fully expressing my feeling.

The playground is a school where the scholars come long before opening time and have to be fairly forced away when

the closing bell rings and yet it is a place where some of the most valuable lessons of their lives are learned. To the children it is all play but unconsciously they are learning to value order and harmony, to use self-control, and to respect the rights of others.

"Aw, you get off this swing and let this little kid on" shows inelegantly but forcefully that they are beginning to understand the obligations of the strong toward the weak. Because of the lessons taught by the playground the future generation will be benefited by citizens who are able to think of themselves not only as individuals with rights but as members of society with obligations.

Because of a realization of the value of the work done by the playgrounds, I feel that my first summer as a teacher in them has been the most useful one I have spent and because the most useful, the most happy one.

Owing to the extreme heat the work was a little hard at first for both teacher and pupils, but conditions were wonderfully improved when we were given the use of another room and the services of another teacher, making three in all.

The enrollment was large, but the attendance on the whole, was very irregular. In spite of this, we completed a lot of work and felt that our exhibition was an improvement over the preceding year.

My class, entirely of girls, was made up of many who had been in the school last year and I found them all eager to learn and willing to work. The cry that greeted me on the first morning was:—"Oh, there's our old teacher back, I'm going in her room."

Yesterday they asked me if I were coming back next year. "Well, anyhow, if you do we're coming in your room again," so my prospects seem to be very bright for a pleasant class of girls again next year.

I feel that my time has been profitably spent and in closing wish the President the greatest success next year and in all the years she may be connected with the work, where her influence is always felt and her efforts and many kindnesses are never lacking in appreciation.

This being my first year of teaching in the Summer School, I enjoyed the work greatly. The children enjoyed working, too. They learned to make Indian baskets, reed baskets, hats, umbrellas, picture frames, carpet beaters, tennis rackets, and many other amusing things.

One of the children said, "I knew you were going to be a teacher," and when I asked him, "Why," he replied, "Because I saw the pupils in your eyes."

The work in sewing at the Sixth Ward was very interesting to me this year and must have been to the children as they kept their instructors busy throughout the whole term, their interest never ceasing. The first period, though shorter, always resulted in more and better work as the children were less restless than they were later in the day.

My greatest problem was dealing with the babies which the little mothers brought with them. The room would usually be quite orderly were it not for these little people who continually ran up and down the aisles. However, most of them were too young to go to the kindergarten alone and I would rather put up with their small annoyances than deprive them or their guardians of the delights of summer school. I have a few pupils of five or six years who have grown up with me in my three years work at this school and I am very proud of their neat little stitches.

All of the children are improving and they accomplished a great deal owing to their regular attendance.

The regret which the children felt at parting on the last day, was changed to joy when they received a box of candy and one of the flags of our country.

Another year of Vacation School work and play has just drawn to a close—another splendid year.

We accomplished wonders this year—wonders to the inexperienced eyes of beginners, for several of the larger girls made shirt waists and dresses for themselves. After that, the goal for next year—a dress—was decided upon without our aid.

There are two sewing classes in our school and one class consists of the larger girls who have been taken through the course. Consequently, after making the samples which were done by all on the first day, we worked up to the larger articles paying particular attention to the neat hemming of the aprons.

We had a total enrollment of eighty-five in our class with an average attendance of fifty.

And of those fifty—how can I tell in words of the eager, excited faces, of the equal enthusiasm for work and play, and of the joy and pleasure of Flower Day?

Suffice it to say that I am now looking forward to another year of glorious opportunities.

Mrs. Gilliford and Mrs. Pennock deserve our heartiest thanks for their kind and efficient help.

The past summer was indeed a most pleasant one in the Allegheny Vacation School. It was my first year as sewing teacher in the Sixth Ward, having served there as game teacher

several years, but never the less the girls did excellent work. Each child made the samples first, then I was able to judge their work and know what to give them next. I found the girls wanted to make the large garments and would get cross when told they could not make them. I think next year I will lay much stress on patching, mending, and darning. If they can do these things well, the sewing of the larger garments will be better and also more appreciated. Taken as a whole the girls were lovely and applied themselves very well.

During the play period we generally took care of our classes. We played all kinds of games, on very warm mornings we spent part of the time telling stories.

On behalf of the boys of the Sixth Ward and myself I wish to thank you, Mrs. Cowley, and the Association for the equipment which you have placed at our disposal. We also wish to thank the committee in charge at the Sixth Ward for their help in our work. I am sure we shall long remember the good times had at the Summer Play Grounds.

Our daily attendance has averaged from between eighty to one hundred boys. A great deal of interest has been taken in athletics and there is no doubt but that the mental training and self control acquired in these games will be of great benefit to the boys in after life. Our base-ball team has not been defeated this year and I believe the record for the high jump is held by one of our boys. Harry Williams has cleaned the bar from the springing board at seven feet eleven inches.

We have tried to impress on the boys that athletic honors can only be attained through clean living, quick thinking and perfect self control. No better way to teach these principles can be found than through athletic sports if that aim is kept in view.

The Manual training department opened July 5th with an enrollment of something over sixty boys, some eager for work, but the majority merely after anything that promised amusement. It took no longer than the first few days, however, to reduce the class by the process of selection to about twenty-five good earnest fellows who meant business. And after we had added a few new tools to our extensive(?) equipment we started in to make the sawdust fly and "all went merry as a marriage bell."

A feeling of fellowship between the teachers and the boys was noticeable from the start and was strongly shown by the great dissatisfaction following the removal of Mr. Aspinwall, the volunteer assistant, from the Sixth Ward to the Fourth, where he

was placed in charge. This feeling was, however, allayed by the arrival of Mr. Brown, another volunteer, to take Mr. Aspinwall's place, and "war was averted .

Throughout the year, it must be admitted, we did have numerous dissensions concerning the order "Clean up." In fact, getting the boys out of the room for recess or dismissal was the hardest work of the day, and the plea "Ask Mrs. Gillaford (or Mrs. Pennoch or Mrs. Jones) why can't we stay in this recess," was periodical.

"Gettin' in manual" was an honor not to be despised among the boys, and many were the requests received from boys in the basketry classes or the playground, who with eagle eyes had descried a vacancy and were eager for a chance to fill it. "Please mister, can't I come in manual now, 'cause I know a kid that quit yesterday," was a common complaint and often heard.

It was not only the iceballs and the penny candy with which the boys on several occasions treated me that made these five weeks of the summer of 1911 very pleasant ones to me. It was the fellows, the noise they made, the mischief they were forever up to, their eagerness for work, and above all, the spirit they showed in all things. And I heartily appreciate the favor which Mrs. Cowley did me this summer in placing me among such good red-blooded boys as I found in the Sixth Ward.

SPRING GARDEN AVENUE SEVENTH WARD.

Seventh Ward Spring Garden Avenue Summer School of 1911 is a thing of the past.

We had a large enrollment of active boys and girls. After a few years absence from the Allegheny Playgrounds and Vacation Schools, I started out early on the morning of the 5th of July with eager expectancy. I wondered if it would bring me the same joy as it had brought in former years. As I neared the location of my school in Spring Garden Avenue I found my feet hurrying as I saw new but eager faces awaiting the opening of the gate for our first day. When I had taken off my hat and began work it seemed as if I belonged in the playground and had not been away at all.

The thing which impressed me most has been how much the work has developed in the past few years and what admirable management it has with Mrs. Cowley at the head.

She is untiring in her devotion, zeal, enthusiasm and love to the children and is most kind, courteous and just to us all. The Kindergarten room was very popular not only with those under 8 yrs. of age but the larger boys kept asking "When will it



CLOTHES BASKETS SERVE AS CRADLES.

Photograph by Mrs. Cowley.



ONE OF OUR BASEBALL TEAMS.

Photograph by Mrs. Cowley.



be ten o'clock?" and "what are we going to make today?" They enjoyed the songs and learned quite a number of new songs and finger plays.

Boys and girls had to be urged to play games but after a game was started they seemed to enjoy it greatly but there was no personal request for games made by children. They enjoyed stories particularly fairy tales and more than one request came while out in the yard for a story.

The library day was a great source of delight.

Exhibition day passed off pleasantly. We had a good exhibit although it came early in the term the visitors expressed themselves as being very much pleased. Never has it been my good fortune to behold boys and girls more happy than these in the free play. They love the sand box and what possibilities it held! Imagination transferred them through it to various parks, on the rolly coaster, on the river, etc. Who knows but what we may yet hear from some whose creative imaginations were given full sway at the sand boxes; our faithful chairman, Mrs. Beehner was most regular in attendance, bringing joy and cheer to us all. She exerted good influence over some of our hard problems of boys.

It was a pleasure to work with the teachers who responded so eagerly to any request made.

Especially do I wish to commend each and all for the hearty support given at the opening exercises in the yard. They were a unit and on account of the hearty co-operation of all we had good opening exercises. My Kindergarten assistants were helpful and volunteer help was appreciated.

Mr. Mathews and John gave faithful service.

We found that while we were placed in charge of the children to help and instruct them, that they had much to teach us and I think the greatest lesson and example that they gave us is kindness and care for those weaker than we are. The older boys this year particularly impressed me. Day after day they brought their little brothers and sisters or little friends; played with them; rocked them in the hammocks and procured toys for them in a way often a little trying to the teachers, but it was their way and the best they knew.

Another incident worthy of note was the change in some of the boys faces. The first few weeks they were black and grimy. One day "John" came with a bright clean face and when the remark was made that he looked nice and clean, the other boys turned away a little sheepishly, but every since that day their cheeks and foreheads, at least, have been washed daily and they are all proud of their clean faces.

My second year in the Vacation School has closed today and again I feel that I have learned a little more and seen a little deeper into the hearts and lives, and understand a little more clearly the environment of the children with whom I have spent the mornings of the past five weeks.

Many newcomers were with us—both teachers and children.

We were loath to give up our former teachers with whom we had worked before, but soon grew to love those who took their places, and it was only a short time before we felt that we were friends.

Among the children there were interesting developments to study,—in some remarkable growth in disposition and even character,—others a sadder development and growth into careless habits of older examples, even though mere children.

We had no accidents and as a school the children all seemed happy so that is the impression that I shall keep of this summer's school.

Again, another year, the happiest of my life, has gone. Everyone has been so bright and merry throughout the entire five weeks, only during the last two or three days do I see the children not so happy, and do you know the reason why, because Summer School is nearly over.

The children at Spring Garden are the same children, wild over express wagons, tennis balls and bean bags. The daily cry is "are you going to give yarn out?" The children are very industrious and they love to knit. The boys are as eager over knitting as the girls.

A cute saying that I heard on the day of enrollment, I, only wish I was able to tell it as I heard it. I was enrolling two little boys, who were brothers, and I had taken the name, age, and address of the oldest and the name and age of the youngest, when the youngest said, "I live in the same house as he does."

Upon asking one of the little girls why she liked to go to Summer School she said, "Because you don't have to study, in day school you always have to study."

It has been a great pleasure to work under our chairman, Mrs. F. Beehner, who is loved by us all. Also our director, Miss Wallace, I must not omit, who has always been our helper and joy.

Miss Longmore, a volunteer, has helped us considerable, although she was not able to be with us every day.

Last of all, but not least are Mr. Matthews and John, they are always ready to help us and always faithful in all duties. I feel sorry to give up the close friendships with the children. I hope our work may prosper and brighten many more children.

Last year while doing some volunteer work at the Phipps' playgrounds, I was so pleased that I made up my mind to try and devote more time to the work with the children. I was delighted when I learned of my appointment as an assistant to the Kindergarten at the Seventh Ward School.

The first day was an experience, first becoming familiar with my duties and then becoming acquainted with the children. I decided then that we were to have a pleasant time during the entire term of the Vacation Schools. It is true some of the boys were quite hard to manage, but, after we were better acquainted and they understood the rules and regulations we had no further difficulty.

Each morning when entering the school yard, one little girl was always there to greet me with a "Good Morning Teacher." One salute was not enough for her as every time she would see me in the yard or in the room she would repeat her salutation.

There seemed to be so many attractions for the children in the yard, such as playing in the sand box, pushing wheel-barrows, swinging, etc. that it was hard to get them to leave them to take part in the ring plays, but after we got them started and the rest saw what a delightful time we were having it did not take long to get a large ring started.

There was always something to develop interest all of the time, either the visit of our Chairman or the Supervisor, or Flower Day kept the children in the state of expectancy always. The time has passed so quickly that it is hard to realize that this is the last day. I am sure the children regret the time is so short just as much as I do.

The Spring Garden Avenue Summer School for the season of 1911 closed on August 8th. after five weeks of healthy, happy work and exercise.

The array of baskets wrought by our busy little hands and minds are a delight. We wish everyone could see them, also our caps, rugs, mats and booties.

One of our boys who has been in poor health for some time, and who is a cripple expressed a desire to go to the Phipps' Recreation Park Evening School if he could find some way of getting there. The teachers became interested in him and decided to buy him a wagon. On reaching home our Art Teacher, Miss Eleanor Tener, discovered that they had a very good wagon belonging to her brother which she kindly gave the boy. He was much pleased and we hope to have the pleasure of his attendance at Evening School this winter.

Mrs. Beehner, our worthy chairman was always heartily received by both teachers and pupils. Her pleasing manner, kind words, and efficient service were, in a measure, responsible for our success.

Too much cannot be said for our splendid, hard working and capable assistants, Miss May Newbaker and Miss Crawford, and for the volunteer help of Miss Mathews, our janitors daughter who came every day.

The thought that you, our President, were pleased with our work was comforting and spurred us on to greater efforts.

School opened with torrid weather but it did not seem to affect the basketry room.

The boys did much better work and were just as anxious to work the last day as they were the first and they certainly did turn out some very creditable baskets.

Mrs. Duffy's tactful management of the children kept them interested and happy.

One morning after having reproved several of the boys for coming into the room with their caps on; the janitor happened to step inside the room with his hat on and was greeted, by the boys, with a chorus of "Take off your hat in the presence of ladies."

The day before school closed, the morning exercises were held as usual in the school yard. The teachers sang their part of the good-morning song and waited for the customary response from the children. All that came was from two or three weak, little voices. The teachers looked surprised, while the children laughed but after the laughter had subsided, the song was repeated with the response from many childrens' voices. Thursday, the day set for Field Day proved to be a bad one. The march was just over and the children stood in the field, ready for the exercises, but it rained and Field Day was postponed until Monday. The children went home after the rain, and although many did not return Monday, the exercises were highly successful.

In conclusion, Vacation School has been a pleasure. It has taught me to help the poor, unfortunate children, also to rely more upon myself.

Mr. Dyer's influence over the boys was excellent; and they enjoyed the manual training work under him.

Summer School! What a wealth of joy those two words hold for the poor neglected children of the playground. How their

little faces beamed when the gates were opened to them the first day' For the last week they have been lamenting the fact that it is all so soon to end.

My work this year in the sewing department was much more pleasant than my work last year in the field playing with the boys.

I taught the advanced pupils and their work was excellent. They must have had good instruction in previous years.

One of the teachers of the basketry department who had never visited the sewing room said to me, "I did not know that you had sewing machines in your room." She was admiring a dress made by a twelve year old girl when she made this remark and was much surprised to learn that every stitch was made by hand.

Anything with ribbons on it appealed to their taste. A favorite article was a dainty fancy work apron with a ruffle and pocket and laced with baby ribbon. These the children called "chocolate aprons," why, I cannot say. They were given as a reward of merit.

I had a very valuable volunteer worker who did not miss a single day the whole summer. Some times my classes were so large that I could not have gotten along without her. Her services were invaluable.

Too much cannot be said in praise of the kind assistance given by our chairman and kindergarten director. I enjoyed to the fullest extent the delightful fellowship of the other teachers and I feel that all worked in harmony for the best interests of the children.

As the noon bell rings to-day it does not bring joy to me for with it we leave the playground.

Although it ends to-day we shall remember it and these memories shall be sweet.

The little girls of the sewing class at Spring Garden have worked faithfully and have given the best that was in them. At the beginning of the work we were asked to help the children. I have tried and hope I have succeeded for they have helped me.

It was a great pleasure, too, meeting many charming teachers and, especially, our chairman Mrs. Beehner. I shall always remember my first term in the work.

SPRING HILL SEVENTH WARD SCHOOL.

The summer term has just been like one large picnic. Many of the children came with small packages containing a lunch and during the morning you could find them in a shady place having a little feast with their brothers and sisters.

All the departments were well attended, the children taking great interest and delight in their work. Through the kindness of Mr. Bergman, we had a willow go-cart for the playground this summer. It certainly was well patronized by the babies. Very often the baby was taken home asleep in it, then the cart would be returned to us. Many of the children's parents expressed their appreciation of the summer school. One father told me that his little girl sings them to sleep at night with "Jack and Jill." On Tuesday, the closing day of school, Mr. Bergman set off a balloon, the children were delighted.

We felt the absence of our kind chairman, Miss Lang, very much this summer. Although far away, we had a kind remembrance from her, with best wishes for the summer work. In closing I wish to thank our faithful volunteers, Miss McManus and Miss Dwyer for their kind services. They were present every day.

The Kindergarten Department of the Summer School is one of the most important departments. It takes the tiny tots from under the busy mothers' feet, allowing them to do their work in peace.

I am especially interested in this department because I love the little ones so much. This is my second year in the work and it has done me lots of good, for it has taught me to love the children more and to be more patient with them.

I think we have had more babies at our school this year than we have ever had before. One day we had a baby there just a month old, and I couldn't help thinking how grateful the mother must have been for such a place as Summer School, where she could send her children, while she worked.

It is very touching to see how the larger children sacrifice their own interests to take care of little brother or sister. Quite a large boy came in one day holding a little boy by the hand. I asked him if he were not going into the manual training department and he very soberly answered that he had to "mind the baby." I felt sorry for him because he could have made such nice things there.

The first morning, I was greeted with many glad shouts from my old pupils. One of the greatest pleasures of summer work is the friends that we make from year to year, especially if we work in the same school several years.

The demand for Indian baskets was almost overwhelming at first. We were very proud of some of them on exhibit day. In fact, the work along all lines was much better than last year.

The children do not forget from year to year what they have learned.

As last year, I have had two base-ball teams in my class. Every day, we have had a fine game, the teachers enjoy the game as much as the boys.

A great deal of praise and thanks must be given to the efficient work of my assistant, Miss Agnes Willis.

Every teacher, and children as well, missed the cheery and encouraging smile of our chairman, Miss Eleanor Lang., who was in Europe.

The five weeks just passed have been a constant holiday for me. Being my first year in the summer school work, I was not prepared for the good times which both teachers and children have had.

The children are so appreciative. It is a pleasure to help them. They are so proud of their baskets, their hats, their mats, and everything else. One little boy made a doll's hat for his little sister's doll. There were sewing-baskets for mammas, for grandmas, and for aunties, whips for baby brothers, spool baskets for sisters. Their parents and friends seem to be interested in their work. Often some little girl would come up and say her mamma thought it would be nice for her to make her Indian basket in lavender and white. Our work, on the whole, has been more than satisfactory. Anybody might well be proud to own the baskets.

I liked the play hour the best of all. The first week or two I played ball with the boys. The boys told me where to stand and I stood there. I was curious to know what position I was supposed to fill, so I asked one of the boys. He said "I was a "stalker," I learned later that meant the player in the field. I found it was not absolutely necessary to have a "stalker" so I resigned and played with the little girls instead. We had lots of good times together. We laughed when we saw how easy it was to change from the "cheese" to the "farmer" and then again how a "cat" one minute would beg to be "poor robin" the next.

The teachers have all been so friendly and nice. Miss Albright, especially, has been helpful. Our Thursday lunches always came as a special treat. Of course Mrs. Cowley was the very center of all the activities. Her advice and kindness never failed us. Altogether I have spent a most happy and profitable summer.

My first experience in the Allegheny Playground Association has been an enjoyable one. I was placed in a most delightful school, Spring Hill, Seventh Ward.

The teachers were congenial, the pupils all willing and anxious to sew and accomplish as much as they could in the short period of five weeks. Our exhibition took place Wednesday, July 26th, and we had a very good showing considering the length of time we had to prepare for it, three weeks. We had the usual number of samples, button bags, sewing bags, dust caps, iron holders, aprons, underwear, dresses and white waists. The parents visited us and were very much pleased with the progress of their children. The children love to sew, even the little tots who ought to be in the kindergarten. The last few days of school I had about six of them come to me wanting patches to sew. One little girl asked me for a button bag. As her face was not familiar, I asked her what she had been sewing and she told me that this was her first day. I gave her a patch which was soon returned finished. I gave her another which was soon returned to me finished and done beautifully.

My assistant, Miss Wight, has done her part faithfully, so much so that it has not been work to me, but play.

I did not have the pleasure of meeting our chairman, Miss Lang, as she was abroad, but I know the other teachers have missed her very much. Miss Cowley has helped us along with her bright, cheerful countenance. Miss Boswell, our industrial supervisor, has been of valuable assistance and has always been willing to help us in our difficulties.

Our weekly lunches at school and meetings at the Sherman Avenue School have been delightful for we have all met as one happy family.

I certainly have enjoyed my first year with the Allegheny Playground Association.

When I first started into the work I did not realize what a pleasure it was to make others happy by simply being a companion and playmate, as well as a teacher, to so many eager children. All of the efforts put forth by the teachers were appreciated and returned twofold by the youngsters.

The course given in sewing was the usual one of beginning with the stitches on patches and working up to the dresses, waists and fancy bags made by the older girls. The girls were all anxious to either make something to wear or something that their mothers could use.

Some of the children who had to be the "little mothers" for their small brothers or sisters, brought them into the sewing room with them. These babies often caused amusement for the room. One small boy was brought by his sister and while she became interested in her sewing he became interested in investigating

the workings and use of a pair of scissors. Consequently the knees of his new rompers were in shreds. His sister scolded him and told him that he would get the strap when he got home. When I explained to her that the baby was too small to be spanked, she began to cry and said "Then I'll get whipped, for somebody just has to be whipped for it." When the child came the next day he tugged at my skirt, showed me his rompers, and said, "My murrer patch 'em, my murrerpatch 'em." And, I am glad to add, nobody was spanked. This is only one of the many amusing incidents which took place during the short time that we had school.

The children were all sorry when the last day came but they had already begun to plan what they wanted to make next year and they invariably say, "I'm coming back next year. Are you?"

Our cooking class has been a grand party for all the little girls taking part in it.

Reluctantly they close their desks and take up their packages to go home after being here all morning; but on the other hand they are happy to take home what they made to give the family a taste.

Many try at home the things they made at school and little remarks such as, "I'm going to make this for supper," or "I'll make this cake for Sunday," are often heard. One little girl said to me the other day, making all the movements imaginable with her mouth, "Oh, Miss. ———, I can't get over how good that stew tastes."

Many of the little boys picked up enough courage to come in to see us while we were working and not at any time did they go out without receiving a sample. One day they had something good and they declared it to be a 'Sporty Sample.

Miss Louise McManus and Miss Hannah Dwyer, two volunteer assistants, were quite indispensable. We hope they will be with us next year.

As usual our corps of teachers were the most congenial and jolliest crowd of the summer schools, (of course). However, we all worked together extremely well, enjoyed our Thursday luncheons and appreciated the co-operation of our Manual Training teacher. He helped beautifully to make the luncheons enjoyable. Each contributed something toward the feast; and we then went to the afternoon Teacher's Meeting.

We regret very much that our chairlady, Miss Eleanor Lang, was not with us this year. She probably is having a better time abroad than she would have had here, but we wished her back with us regardless. Although she was so very far away she never

forgot us for she sent each former teacher a card in remembrance, each bearing a charming message.

Mr. Bergman, our janitor, and Earl, his assistant, were again our "life preservers." They are true blue during the summer vacation school.

Miss Boswell, our supervisor, is very kind and is loved by all. She certainly has captivated the hearts of our industrial teachers. We hope she will not be led away from our association by matrimony as our previous supervisors have been.

And now let me say just a word about our beloved President, Mrs. Cowley. Again we received her beaming smiles and words of encouragement during these five weeks work and again we know there is some one who gives us credit for our work and appreciates our efforts. We all love her and hope that she will suffer no ill effects from the additional work in the Playgrounds this year.

This last day in the Manual Training department of the Spring Hill School brings to an end a successful, prosperous and enjoyable five weeks. It has been successful in the sense of the class and nature of the work finished, and in the sense of the attitude of the boys in the classes;—prosperous because of the amount of good, morally, intellectually, and physically, it has given the boys and, I may say, the teachers;—enjoyable because the boys have taken such an interest in even the little things and have shown such aptitude and sense about their work. They have worked as they played, steady and industriously.

On the whole I think the Manual Training department alone (not knowing much about the other branches of school work) would be a sufficient work to guarantee a summer school.

EIGHTH WARD.

Not being at the Eighth Ward last summer it took me a while to find the little ones I used to know. I realized at last that some had grown up and left me, going to the various industrial classes. I still find that the Eighth Ward tots enjoy the sand box, and from the first week until the last the children have been simply wild about the express wagons.

Flower day is named the Big day at the Eighth Ward and is enjoyed by all. The children have been very attentive and obedient this summer. Now we are at the close of a very busy five weeks and how short the time has been. Many thanks are due our chairman Mrs. Borland, who is loved by all, both teachers and children. We also thank Miss Law for her beautiful stories.

The swings were constantly filled with the little mothers. Many babies were in attendance every day, being taken care of by their brothers and sisters not much older than themselves.

The time spent in the kindergarten room was pleasant and profitable. The children enjoyed their games and songs. They not only learned to play, but learned to do occupation work as well, that is, they made tents, soldier caps, chairs, barns, chains, etc.

Although the attendance at the beginning was small it increased daily until I had a nice class of happy eager children. A large majority of the class was made up of beginners entering from the kindergarten department and the baskets and other articles they made were remarkable. One could hardly realize that the tiny fingers could do so well.

Many of the large pupils who were in my class last term entered the cooking and sewing departments and the younger ones chose basketry.

Our worthy chairman, Mrs. Borland, each day urged a few in the yard to enter some department. At first they were afraid saying they could not do the work, but she finally pursued them with her kind words and gentle way to enter. Many of the children were so surprised at their ability that they became so interested they wanted to do everything at once and in this way we finished our term. We all regretted when the bell rang for the last time in that season.

Five weeks of school have passed all too quickly for the desolate little tots of the Eighth Ward and as I look back over five years with these same children, I can not but contrast them as they were then, with them as they are now.

Then they were not to be trusted and frequent were the trips we made to their homes to recover misappropriated materials.

The temptations must be as great now as they were then for the property is none the less; but a final inventory of materials convince us that our children have become trustworthy, for we have missed nothing.

The interest on the part of the parents has deepened; the childrens' faces have become cleaner and brighter.

Field Day at Phipp's Park on that rainy Thursday may have been a disappointment to some but not to the Eighth Ward children.

One little girl remarked on her way home from the park, "My, won't this rain make pretty flowers for us tomorrow!"

Her simple faith seemed to be rewarded the next day when each of the thirty little girls who went to drill were presented with a beautiful pink rose.

May the untold good that comes to both parents and children through the playground and Vacation Schools as developed through the unselfish devotion of our beloved chairman, Mrs. Borland, and the heart felt interest of Mrs. Cowley continue for many years in the Eighth Ward.

When I told one little girl that we only had one more week of Summer School she exclaimed, "My it only began last week!"

Never before did I enjoy the work as I did this year. The children worked together in harmony and the work they did was beautiful.

Friday, flower day, was looked forward to by the children with great pleasure. They carried the flowers home and considered them as a little treasure, which could be seen by the expression on their bright faces.

Exhibition Day, called the "Big Day," by the children, was looked forward to many days before. They enjoy having their work hung on the wall to be inspected by the visitors.

Now a word for our ever faithful and energetic chairman, Mrs. Borland.

Our school term opened with great enthusiasm. On the first day we were to move to the second floor from the third where the Manual Training is held in the winter. We took up the seats in room four and with two boys at a bench soon brought them down from the third floor and by the end of the first day we were ready for work. On the second day and every day after we had no trouble in keeping the boys quiet as they were anxious to work and it seemed as though they were continually asking "what shall I do next" or "Let us make this or that article."

During the term the boys made stands, benches, tabourettes, sleds, sleeve boards, tables, medicine cabinets, window screens and in fact everything they wanted to make. Their ideas were given preference whenever practicable, and variety was arrived at in order to keep them interested. We had a little difficulty at first in getting the boys to work carefully but when they found that "any old thing" would not do great improvements were made in the work.

We had good fun playing ball, though we were handicapped by lack of space and hard brick walls, and the only real practice we obtained was when we played away from home, here our small boys played with the spirit of never give up.

Our enrollment was 73.

We enjoyed every minute of the five weeks we spent together. Having good fun all the time—while at work and while at play—The boys were sorry when school closed but they took home evidence of their industry and memories of the good times.

Much of our success was due to the help from chairman Mrs. H. F. Borland.

The quality of the work turned out was very high. the boys taking delight in seeing who was the best workman. The nature of the work seemed to hover about such things as were useful in and about home; such as benches, tabourets, medicine cabinets, waste baskets, and tie racks. The small boys amused themselves in cutting out swords, boats and tomahawks.

Baseball was the sport best liked by the boys and for a diversion we played 'three sheep' or 'cross tag.' We were unfortunate in not having a base ball field in our immediate vicinity but did the best we could under the circumstances.

The boys came to school in relays, one crowd attended the first class and spent the last hour in the river; the reverse was true of those who attended the first class.

We are indebted to our chairman, Mrs. H. Frank Borland, for her kind advice and to Mrs. Cowley for her criticism and suggestions.

NINTH WARD.

I was most anxious for July 5th to come so I could see for myself the enjoyment Playground gives to children, never having been in the work. It far exceeded my expectation.

I have tried to give the children of Woods Run a good time and only hope they have had as happy a five weeks as I have had, if so, I should be very satisfied. Three hours never passed faster than at playground. One minute a call to play Volley Ball, another, "catch" with the older boys, then a call to be, as the boys say, "In the freeze out in a bean bag game," still little voices saying, "Teacher you ain't played with me yet."

Besides affording pleasure to the children of the neighborhood, numerous babies enjoyed their morning nap in the hammocks and young men who were out of work entered heartily in games without anyway interfering with the younger ones, in fact most considerate of them. I had been playing catch with the basket ball one hot morning and imagine I must have looked most bedraggled, for one of the little girls pulled me aside and informed me that when I went home I "would get a licking for

getting dirty" and also that "I was getting redder and redder so ought to stop playing," therefore I showed my appreciation by changing to a quieter game.

Flower day increased the attendance, thus proving the joy and pleasure derived from the flowers, also showing the children's appreciation of the efforts of their Sewickley friends.

It has been a great pleasure to have the privilege of being in the Ninth Ward amongst such happy enthusiastic children and working with such a strong band of teachers, chairmen and volunteers.

The experience that I have had since the 5th of July has been of more value to me than many years of reading along such lines. All sides of life, in a way can be appreciated.

The larger ones as well as the smaller have shown progress along the lines of cleanliness and courtesy. I'm sure that when boys of 15 years of age and over have the time and inclination to bring babies to the playground and look after them, that their hearts are not so bad after all.

One day a child brought me a bird that had been hurt and I was wondering what to do with it, when a lad with a non-angelic expression ran to me and said, "Say Misses, give it to me and I'll put it up in a tree. It aint much hurt; it's just scared like." And in a moment he was up the tree and had fixed it there with all the tenderness that I could have shown.

We have been not only blessed with many volunteers but very capable and pleasant ones who have not only won the love of the teachers, but of the children and the mothers.

I only hope that all the other playgrounds have been as well cared for as our Sewickley friends have cared for us, and it's just a Good Bye until another year.

The basketry classes seemed to grow every day of the first week. The first day we had an enrollment of 40, and this increased until, on Friday of that week, we had 92 enrolled.

The children all seemed willing to try any new thing, and worked especially hard on the reed work. We worked on picture frames and hats the first two days, then we started "bigger" things, as the children called them. Then there was a general demand for waste baskets and Indian baskets, made from the heavy and flat reeds.

The result of these demands were surprising, and, when on Exhibition day we had them arranged nicely in one corner, on a table, they showed the childrens' efforts had been rewarded.

One of the most successful years of the Northside Vacation schools has just closed. Each year the playground work becomes more interesting because you become better acquainted with the children and their home lives.

While very few of the larger girls were back this year in the Ninth Ward as most of them have gone out into the world to make their own living and in many cases to help support father or mother, still there were a great many familiar faces and quite a number whom we recognized as playground children last year were in the industrial classes this year.

Our work increases a little every year. A total attendance of 1500 and an average of 60 which is an increase of two in the average over last year shows us that our efforts are at least not lost.

We followed the usual outline of work, beginning with the small articles and working up to the ever "coveted" dress which seems to be the one desire of every child's heart.

To our volunteer workers from Sewickley we want to extend our thanks for the valuable assistance they rendered and especially to Mrs. Charles McKnight and Mrs. Wallis Tener for extra materials for dresses which they donated.

We cannot express in words our appreciation of our beloved President, Mrs. Cowley. Her visits are always a source of great profit and inspiration to the teachers as well as the children and our only regret is that she is not able to be with us oftener, but we have so many playgrounds now.

My first summer on the Northside Playgrounds is ended. Woods Run (9th Ward School) is a field where, be a teacher never so indifferent, she would be roused to action and enthusiasm by the happy, responsive children. From the moment of entrance with their ever-ready "Are we going to drill? Are we going to dance?" to their reluctant exit at 12 o'clock, it has been a service of never ending pleasure to work among them. I have found them unusually alert, and their spontaneity is compelling in its force.

A very great assistance in the work was the interest taken by the parents, and the zest with which they entered into the children's games. One mother informed me that at their social club meeting they had played and greatly enjoyed them.

Another report reached me that after school hours, the children congregated on the streets and play the games and go through the folk dances taught during the session. This of itself is an incentive to the teacher.

One of the pleasing and gratifying sights at our "Field Day" exercises was the promptness and abandon with which the children obeyed the order "Play Games!" No urging, no coaxing was necessary.

The smaller boys on our playground, too, sometimes entered into the games with the girls, often joining us in a game of Dodge Ball or some of the other ring games. If the boys could be given a chance with the hand apparatus in the gymnasium and go through some of the drills which the girls so much enjoy, I think it would be to the advantage and pleasure of some of them. I hope another Field Day will see them side by side with the girls showing their skill and ability also in this direction.

Of our helpful volunteers too much cannot be said, as they were the means in many cases of some of our "Little Mothers" being enabled to enjoy the games and industries of the playground.

The sympathy and co-operation of my fellow teachers was of the greatest assistance; they being ever ready to lend a hand. This, to a new teacher, a stranger in a strange land, means much. And it is with a feeling of the kindest remembrance toward these, my friends indeed, that I close my season's work at Woods Run Playground.

As the close of another term of play ground and vacation school draws near and the boys in manual training are given the handy and useful toys and household articles that have been made by them, the thought recurs once more—do these boys have the least idea how much they are getting, for the mere trouble of coming for three hours each morning, that their fathers could not have gotten for love or money?

For more than ten years the writer has been teaching the use of tools to boys, and in that time of a varied experience scarcely a week rolls by that some full grown man—perhaps a father or even a grandfather—makes the remark that in his young days no such joy was known.

On the playground the same condition is in evidence; for when these same men were boys, who ever heard of teachers being paid to show them how to play? Given a crowd of boys with nothing to do but run the city streets and every grown up in sight growling because of this same crowd, the situation soon becomes a matter to be looked into. And that is just the thing the vacation school and summer playground has done for these boys. They are allowed to work in the shop for the first hour, then go to the play-yard and engage in wholesome games under supervision the second hour, then return to the shop for the third hour. When a schedule of this kind is in vogue the crowd of street running boys is quickly changed to an orderly and well



PLAYGROUND SOLDIERS.

Photograph by Mr. Huber, The Post.



contented lot of young Americans. And it is not unreasonable to believe that this work and play will be carried by the boys to their homes and playgrounds.

Returning then to the first thought, it seems to make very little difference whether or not the boys realize that they are getting more than their fathers, so long as they get the training. I am convinced that the boys in our school are devoted to the work and play of the "sand school" as they call it—for more than once the question has been asked, why don't we have summer school in the afternoon and on Saturday. Where such devotion is found, no harm has been done, and who can tell how much good?

TENTH WARD EAST STREET.

The East Street Tenth Ward School started this year with a new chairman and a new kindergarten director and assistant, yet it closed with as successful a year as before.

The attendance in the kindergarten department was greater this year than last. The children, in general were younger than usual in this department; yet they did as good work, learned the games as well, and sung the songs as nicely as the older children. They also seemed to like to play games in the yard much better than in former years.

The flags made the sand boxes attractive. One little boy scarcely three years old asked for a flag for his house in the sand. After receiving it, he ran around the yard saying, "Hurrah! for the American flag;" this showing the patriotism of these little German children.

Many questions were asked about the treat on the last Friday, as many of the children expected that was the last day. But when told Tuesday was the last day, many of the children said, "Gee! I'm glad still two more days of Summer School." When the treat did come it was enjoyed as much as usual.

I wish to thank Mrs. Bulford, our chairman, for all her kind help. She was a great help, especially during the hour spent in doors.

When I think that summer school has ended for another year, I feel like the little girl who said to me yesterday, "I'm mad, because to-morrow is quits." I am sure that all of the children as well as the teachers, feel the same, since the playground was a source of much pleasure for all of us.

That this playground was a very popular one, was shown by the crowd of children lined up at the gates every morning, waiting eagerly for the opening exercises.

The sand boxes were occupied every minute of the available time, by youthful workmen, under whose skilful hands arose many a magnificent house of sand.

The brooms were a source of delight to the future house-keepers who were careful to keep the yard "looking nice."

When a game in the yard was suggested, many children formed a large ring without any coaxing on the part of teachers or friends "Lady Locket" and "Soldier Boy" were the most popular games.

Although the children had such delightful times in the yard, they were always ready at the sound of the bell, to form their line to go indoors. Everyone joined heartily into the songs and games, making the room ring with their singing. The children were eager to know every morning what they would make; they were especially fond of making paper chains.

When asked to do so, they willingly gave up a much prized pin wheel, etc. for the exhibition. As a result, the kindergarten had quite a display. The woven mats, formed a large part of the display; for I am sure nothing was more popular than the knitting spools and balls of yarn.

Everyone was on time for the treat, which everybody enjoyed. It seemed to be the only thing that reconciled them to the fact that there would be no more summer school for a whole year.

Most of my work this year was among the younger children and it was certainly remarkable to see some of the splendid sewing which they did. One little girl of eight made the loveliest little stitches.

Two of the older girls made dresses. One was of a tiny pink checked gingham, trimmed in plain pink and feather stitched in white. The other one was made of plain blue chambray and trimmed with a blue and white checked material.

As usual iron holders held head place. The children wanted to make them for Mother." As soon as one little girl had finished hers she said, "Oh, can't I take mine home. This is Monday and to-morrow is ironing day, and I want to give it to mother to use."

Along with their applied work, the children enjoyed their game hour to the utmost.

It was with great regret that we all reached the last week. The children were so anxious to begin things which they could not possibly finish, but when they saw some dainty little Dutch collars made of pique, they decided for them instead of petticoats.

The classes in Art and Nature started with a rather poor attendance but increased each day. The work obtained was very good. An innovation was the stencil work carried out in oil paints, making the work more durable. The designs, mostly original were beautifully cut and applied on heavy Russian crash which had been fringed by the children. The results were all that could be desired.

Water colors proved successful. Simple vegetables and fruits were studied by the younger pupils and more advanced work by the older pupils. Many very pretty cards were tinted. The larger boys all desired them and quite a rivalry existed among them to see whose would be pronounced the prettiest.

The younger children always enjoy clay work and look forward to these days. The classes contained more boys than usual, outnumbering the girls. On the whole the work was pleasing and was enjoyed by the pupils and the teachers.

The demand for hats in the East Street Tenth Ward was so great that my class was formed the first day of Millinery and the girls proved very apt and each finished a hat to the envy of all the other little girls who were too young for the class or came too late to be one of the fortunate ones.

In looking over last year's report of the different departments, of the East Street, 10th., Ward, I find that with but one exception, all the teachers applied to our boys and girls the word industrious.

This year in reference to the Manual Training department, I can repeat it. And what always follows industry? Success.

Success in such a glorious word. To any person unacquainted with the inside workings of summer school life, it is impossible to realize what it means to the youthful minds still in the mould.

It means not merely the children's time put in, but the realization of a year's anticipation, and the creation of new thought, and as the term closes the materialization of that thought takes place in the form of medicine cabinets, magazine racks, etc., every thing conceivable with the constructive point in view, avoiding all destructive inclinations.

My boys, the boys of the East Street, 10th., Ward School, send their thanks and appreciation to the chairman of the Allegheny Summer School Association and her able staff, for making and carrying on their greatest joy of the year, and a part of their education which I consider will be invaluable, no matter what vocation they pursue.

CHARLES STREET TENTH WARD.

The sandpile with its castles, mountains, valleys etc. was a great joy to our children. Story telling also appealed greatly to them. The lack of flowers on our first Friday was a great disappointment but the children were very considerate about it. We were well supplied with beautiful baskets full each following Friday.

Near the end of our school work and play one of the big fellows was heard to remark "Old summer school isn't half bad after all."

We are sure our children had a good time and wish to add our thanks for the splendid opportunity given us for our pleasure at the swimming pool.

Another year of summer school has passed away and we all had a jolly good time together.

There was a general demand for Indian baskets, waste baskets from my old pupils from the former year.

The children worked patiently and carefully, and many pretty and useful baskets were made, this year they made their baskets firmer, neater and larger than ever before.

The little folks themselves seemed delighted with their work.

The children are very kind and respectful toward the teachers and are willing to help if assistance is needed.

So with working, singing and playing ring games the season this year glided all too swiftly away.

Not having been able to compare the Charles Street Summer School work in sewing with that of other schools, as this has been my first experience in the work, it is hard for me to determine just what I ought to think, but, putting all comparisons aside, I feel that it has been a five weeks very profitably spent—not only on account of what was accomplished along the sewing line, although, I marvel at that—but because every child seemed always so happy and to so thoroughly enjoy his task.

We always had quite a large number and among them were many good and industrious sewers who were heard again and again to say—"Oh dear, I just wish we could stay here and sew all day." We had five regular boy attendants between the ages of eight and thirteen, who became admirable sewers—yet at the beginning of the term we had many more, and larger boys, but who seemed to consider sewing such good sport that I had to talk up the fascinating work of the other departments to them.

Our exhibition was one of the first and it was a true delight to see how enthusiastic every boy and girl was trying to get his work finished for that day. Nine of the best larger pieces were chosen for the Exposition and two very neatly made little aprons were willingly given for the Harrisburg Exhibit.

The sewing class of the Tenth Ward Charles Street School has been most successful this year. Our children came very regularly and all seemed anxious and keen for their work. It seemed to be such a pleasure for the little folks to get the goods and make the many articles which they were permitted to try. It is one of the greatest pleasures to see the look of satisfaction when they have finished a piece of work.

Many articles have been made by the children this year, among them—dresses, aprons, petticoats, towels, and swimming suits, besides numerous smaller pieces.

It was surprising to me the interest that the boys took in sewing. Several of them made swimming suits with which they were very much pleased.

As teacher of games the work has been especially interesting. We not only "play games" but we teach the children to drill and to dance folk dances. There are so few children passing through the "awkward age," who are taught to make their bodies respond to the mind. It is a pleasure to note how readily they do respond when given the opportunity.

The children worked hard for their exhibition at the school and at Phipp's Park. Each and all deserve credit for their enthusiasm and ambition.

SHADY AVENUE ELEVENTH WARD.

"Ain't you coming back any more?" These are the parting words of the children in the Shady Avenue Eleventh Ward as we close another year of work and play.

The sand box proved to be as popular as ever. Wagons and wheel-barrows were always in demand. The first day we were asked, "Do we get any knitters to-day?" which showed us that knitting spools were to be used as much as formerly.

And then the hour indoors! How the children from the other classes begged to come in and sing. At this hour the little ones found out they could "make things" with their own little hands. One day a little girl suddenly exclaimed, "Oh Gee! Ain't we havin' a good time, tho?" This is the general opinion of all.

But now these five short weeks are over and we regret that we must say good-bye for we are made to feel that we have provided a good time for these little tots. We have been greatly helped by the kindly advice and encouragement from Mrs. Cowley and Mrs. Stofiel and too much cannot be said in praise of Mrs. Konle our chairman and her committee. As before our janitor, Mr. Baker has been of the greatest help in every way.

The first thing I heard on nearing the school was "There's Miss Alice back anyway." The second morning of Summer school a little tot about 5 years of age came in with a smaller brother by the hand, and a shining new tin cup tied around his neck, coming up to me she said, "Say Lady, is this free or charge?" When I told her it was free, she said "We'll stay then."

As in past years, the summer school has proved a blessing to many weary, worn mothers, and I sincerely hope that it will continue as such for many years to come.

One little girl, whose age was nine years, always wanted to run home and tell her "Grandma" every time she finished a basket. This same little girl said, "My Gramma's going to buy me some reed and raffia so I can make some baskets at home."

We had more visitors this year on Exhibition Day than we had last year. Every visitor was surprised at the quantity of work done. Remarks were heard about not only the quantity, but also the quality of the work.

All the children were sorry when Summer School came to an end, and said; "We wish Summer School was just beginning."

July 5th, 1911 found almost one hundred "Summer School Girls," entering the sewing room of the Shady Avenue School ready for five weeks of enthusiastic work.

The five weeks are ended and the many pretty and useful things exhibited in the sewing room testify to the industry of the "Summer School Sewing Girls."

Closing day has come all too quickly and one hears the girls saying, "I wish we had just one week more."

The closing of the Summer School yesterday ended the most instructive, profitable, and pleasant work I have yet engaged in. I can truthfully say that I started out for the school each morning

in a happier frame of mind, full of expectations, than any other school I ever attended.

During the five weeks, I really lived my boyhood over for I tried to enter into their games etc with the same spirit they showed. Many of the youngsters would ask questions, which would immediately suggest to me that they were practically the same questions I used to put to older people when I was a boy. I even went so far as to single out a couple of boys and then thought to myself, "They have about the same make-up you had when a boy."

I would say that seventy-five per cent of the boys were present each day, with the exception of "picnic-days," and that they too, never lost interest. They were exceptionally well behaved boys for that district, and if it wasn't for the older boys hanging around on the ball field and doing nothing but setting bad examples, they surely would grow up into manly chaps.

We had a couple of boys who have the right idea of manliness but just at the age where they are to put on long trousers and either join the "crowd" or hunt out one or two good companions; I have made arrangements to meet these boys and hope I can do them some good.

Mr. Rankin and I got along like two brothers, and I am glad I made his acquaintance. Mr. Baker gave valuable suggestions at the beginning, and thanks are due him for allowing us to sharpen tools etc. on his grind stone.

Putting aside the money end of it I think Summer School, is only second to regular Public School in keeping the child's mind in proper channels, and that in a few years it will have been brought up to such a point of efficiency that the child will be compelled to attend while in the city during the summer months.

This is my first year in the work and I must confess that when I went to school the opening day, I had what might possibly be called a bad case of "stage-fright." The kind reception I received from the older teachers did much to allay my fears, but, then, I still had the boys to face. Their warm reception, however, put me completely at my ease.

It was a joy to see how willingly the boys went to work. In turn they were much too anxious and ambitious. As soon as the boys got into the shop, one little chap seized a saw, rushed over to the lumber pile and began sawing one of the largest boards some where near the middle. He had no object whatever in mind, and when restrained, he looked quite crestfallen, but brightened up with, "Hurry up and tell me what to make, and how much to cut off; I want to saw." I said they were much too

ambitious. Well indeed they were. Each boy wanted to make something that would have taken much more material than was intended for the whole class.

The first few days the class was large, but after that the lazy ones dropped out, Their going really helped things along, for the rest had a better chance to work, and besides it is much more pleasant to work with fellows who are interested. There was one little incident that was very encouraging to me. One of the larger boys was quite a baseball enthusiast, and was very anxious to get on our team, but he said he didn't want to go in the class on account of his size. He was told that the class boys would have preference for the team, and was urged to join the class. He was so anxious to get on the team that in a day or two he came into the class. In a few days this lad, who came into the class solely to play ball, was so taken with the work that he always wanted me to let him stay in and work during the play time. One day on the ball field he actually said to me, "Come on in and work with me, Mr. I want to finish something, I'll get some one to take my place here in the game."

All the other teachers were most kind and helpful. Mr. Jones was a most excellent and agreeable partner. Mr. Baker, the janitor, was in a sense our "Guardian Angel".

Truly "Experience" is a wonderful teacher. I was at school in the capacity of a teacher, but I think I was the star pupil in reality. If I were sure my boys learned as much as I, then I'd be most happy indeed.

EAST STREET TWELFTH WARD.

Not until this season just closing, did I have any experience in a summer school, but these five weeks have been a great revelation to me.

Our chairman, said, to me on the second day, "You will think you have just started when the end comes, the time goes so rapidly." I doubted her saying, but I have lived to know it was the truth.

We never had a rainy morning and very seldom any tears. The children's faces as bright as sunshine.

At first the children seemed as a mass but at the close of the season each stood as a distinct individual, revealing his or her own personality, some quiet, some courageous, all willing and easily led.

Not only children enjoyed and derived benefit from the playground, but we had a mother, Mrs. Geo. Edgar, who brought her only child, a boy three years old. She only missed one Monday

morning. She was such a help to every one, and one day she said, "She did not know what she would do, when the season closed, she had enjoyed it so much."

Another mother, brought a sixteen month old baby, that was delicate and needed to be in the fresh air, as much as possible. For a week a young man, who was nearly blind came and enjoyed hearing the children's merry voices in play and song. In fact the benefit is unmeasurable.

The children enjoyed the Kindergarten, and it was wonderful how very quick they were in learning the songs and making the little articles. The larger ones helping the smaller ones.

Mrs. Edward Russell, our chairman, was very kind and encouraging to all. The teachers in Basketry, Sewing and Manual Training, all gave to the school, an atmosphere of good cheer. Mr. Lourie, the engineer of the building, was very helpful and kind to all. So I end my first years experience with many, many pleasant associations.

On the first morning of school, the children were all ready to start their baskets. Many of them were such tiny tots, that it was hard to imagine them making baskets, but they did, and made them well, too. Marie —, a child not three years old, was a daily visitor, and kept the basketry classes amused by singing the popular songs and saying funny things.

There were a good many boys, but more girls. The boys preferred to make large baskets out of reed, while the little girls took a great fancy to Indian baskets. Every morning upon entering the room, we were greeted with the same expression, "Please Mrs. start me an Injun basket."

Some of the children are very clean and neat, and of course some are just the opposite. One of the latter, who was especially dirty, was sitting behind me one morning, amusing a lot of children by telling them stories. One little chap said, "Percy, where did you ever get that name?"

"Well," said Percy, "I'll just tell you. Ever since I was born, I have been called Water Lily, and I just hate that name, so when I was five years old I took a fancy to Percival, and I've been Percival ever since."

Mrs. Russell was especially kind in visiting us and offering many helpful suggestions.

The interest and enthusiasm that the children showed in working out their own designs and ideas on their baskets proves

that Basketry is a very fascinating work. Even to-day many little tots were anxious to start baskets to take home.

It was truly a real pleasure for us to try to bring a little sunshine into the lives of some of the children whom we knew were not accustomed to kindnesses at home.

The children, as well as we assistant teachers, enjoyed every moment which was spent with Miss Wood. Too much appreciation cannot be shown to our faithful and willing chairman, Mrs. Russell, for all her kindnesses to us.

It is not nearly so hard to write the report of the playground as it is to give up the five short weeks of pleasure which the Summer School affords us. The work this year showed a marked improvement over last year not only in, quantity but quality. The older girls especially did exceptionally good work and there was quite a rivalry between them each trying to make her stitches a little better than the other. When their garments were completed it was hard to decide which had made the neatest stitches. In fact, some of their hand work was taken for machine stitches. Several of the girls made bathing-suits for they are competent swimmers now which proves that their frequent trips to Lake Elizabeth have not been in vain. The smaller children have done remarkably good work too. but of course they make smaller articles, such as patches, pin cushions, iron-holders, bags, aprons etc. One of the little girls made a white lawn-dress for her baby sister and when she had finished it she was the proudest child in the room.

Exhibition day was a great success. The parents and friends who visited the schools were astonished at the work accomplished.

At the beginning of the first session our class seemed very small, but before the morning was over it looked like old times, and the class was soon up to its full quota. Most of the boys who had been with us the year before were back, and upon inquiring we found that some of them we missed were working—one boy spent his week's vacation at school, coming every day;

The wood not being at hand the first day, the time was put in at baseball, and drills—calisthenics, dumb bells, and Indian clubs. Several ball fields were tried during the season, the nearest being a ten minute climb from the school building, on "Wright's Lawn," The main trouble with all the fields was their distance from the school; and the steepness of the hills, sloping down on all sides. This made it very hard to keep track of the balls, and a good bit of time was spent hunting for them.

We had two games with teams from other schools, losing the first by one run, after a hard fought game, but winning the next one handily.

In the work room the boys were even more enthusiastic than on the ball field, and many of the boys worked very hard on their "jobs." In every case possible the boy was allowed to make whatever he most desired, and when the object wanted was out of the question, it was never hard to satisfy anyone with something else. One small youngster said he would like to make a Morris chair, but was persuaded to turn his attention to a neck tie box! The variety of the articles made was quite large, including tabourettes of various designs; basswood necktie boxes, collar boxes, waste baskets, paper knives, and necktie racks, while from the heavier wood umbrella stands, a piano bench, hall tree, foot stools, an ironing board—with stands, both attached and separate, jardiniere stands, book holders, knife and fork boxes, and camp stools (nine of these being made), were constructed. One boy is quite proud of his "pirate ship," full rigged, with sails, rudder, helm, and a cannon, and last, but not least, the black flag, with its skull and cross bones, at the mast head.

Two weeks before the end of the term inquiries began to come in, "When is 'Kindergarten' going to stop?" "Will school be over Monday?" and when they were answered it would last longer than that, but would stop on the eighth of August, one boy said, "Gee, I wish it would last all summer 'till other school starts!"

No accidents more severe than slight cuts occurred all during the term, and by prompt use of peroxide of hydrogen and boric acid powder, these were all kept free from infection.

The opening exercises were good, as a rule, altho on one or two occasions "Ward picnics" made woful inroads on the attendance. When ever our class seemed small we would inquire if there were a picnic on that day, and the answer was usually in the affirmative. One boy, when asked to sing "America," said, "This is Dutchtown. Sing 'Der Wacht am Rhine'," but declared emphatically, when quizzed, that he was an American.

Our chairman, Mrs. Russell, was very kind, and showed much tact in her dealings with the boys, who think she is "just all right."

Personally I enjoyed the work thoroughly throughout—even better, if possible, than last year, perhaps on account of being better acquainted with conditions, and on that account able to keep things running more smoothly, as both Mr. Whitehead and I had also been at the same school the year before.

Mrs. Cowley's visits were much enjoyed—the boys seemed to work especially hard when she was there, to show that they appreciated the schools. And all knew, her, for not once did I hear, "Who's that?" when she visited us, a question very common when any one else came around.

The opening of the Summer School work was with much enthusiasm.

The first day was given over to the making of a list of our boy's names and their home addresses, also quite some time was spent in impressing the boys of the discipline required while in the class room and tried to show them how it was most beneficial to themselves in their work; this I noticed was not without good results.

The lumber having not arrived the remainder of the morning was spent in baseball and the pass ball practice. Though the boys displayed much enthusiasm and skill in the games I am sorry to say that they have very poor grounds and we tried our best to find better grounds but in vain. Nevertheless we had a ball team and played a few games with other schools in which most of the boys played very well.

Having been in the school before, I noticed a few boys were missing but there were new faces to take their place. In speaking of the boys that were missing, in every case that I found, they were working, and one of these boys spent his two weeks vacation at the summer school.

The work of many of the boys in the class room was an improvement over that of the previous year, and although there were many articles of the same kind made, yet there was quite a variety taking all in all, though I am sorry to state that a few of the best pieces were not ready for exhibition day, but the boys finished these pieces, and took them home the last day. Not a few of them showed special interest in their work by remaining after class to finish a part of their work.

Mrs. Russell, our chairman, gave us valuable suggestions, and was most helpful to us in our work for which she cannot be sufficiently thanked. We are also grateful to Mr. Laur, the school janitor, for his help in keeping order about the school building.

With the exception of a few days, upon which picnics occurred, the average attendance was good. It numbering about 43.

The attendance at the last session was considerable above the average; this was due chiefly to the distribution of the boys' work, and also to the interest displayed on the part of a few boys who still had articles to complete, and in the case where the boy was not quite through his work sufficient material was supplied to complete it at home.

FINE VIEW AVENUE TWELFTH WARD.

Among our new babies this year were twins, distinguished by the names the "big me" and the "little me"—the "little me" was the more regular attendant, the little Mother refusing to

bring the "big me" because as she says, "he bits." One morning about eleven o'clock one of the boys suddenly exclaimed—"Gee, I forgot to wash this morning." When asked the reason he said, "Why I got up late and didn't have time 'cause I wouldn't have got to summer school on time."

The happiest days were those that brought us visits from Mrs. Cowley and Mrs. Stofil as the children and teachers were always encouraged by their interest. We feel that much of the success this year is due to our faithful chairman, Mrs. Giles, and our efficient volunteers, Miss Ella Giles, Miss Winfred Winstead and Miss Martha Moore, who attended almost as regularly as the teachers. Mr. Ward, our janitor, who was with us for the first time, was most helpful in every way.

The basketry classes cannot be commended too highly for not only the quantity, but also the quality of the work completed in our short term.

Their interest was perhaps largely due to the reed work being entirely new.

Gladly would they have worked during their play hour if permitted.

Our supervisor, Miss Boswell, has been indeed faithful and given much help by her interest and encouragement in the work.

The progress in the Nunnery Hill School's sewing class is very noticeable. This ends the second year's work. The fact, that the boys and girls from last year, did not have to start with stitches again was a pleasing one to them. Some of them upon entering would ask me if they could make a dress or something of the sort and then when I tried them on the stitches they could hardly make a straight line.

The boys, who had made swimming trunks last year, made swimming bags, iron-holders, sewing bags and dust caps. They had planned surprises for their mothers and sisters by bringing dust caps to them.

* The girls were ambitious to have as many things finished by the end of the term as possible. Their work at the same time was very beautiful. Many people commented on the work by saying, "She will make a fine seamstress" or "She will be a good dress-maker."

I regret very much that this is my last year with "The Allegheny Playground Association," as I certainly have enjoyed the three years spent at the work.

The children were happy when they heard the school was to continue during the whole year, and I also was glad, not because of the children as much as the older boys and girls.

I have had many long talks with the boys of Nunnery Hill, and they do not seem to be looking forward to any definite future, and they are idling their time away. If the Playground Association could make these boys see that they are really wasting valuable time, I think much will have been accomplished, and hope that these boys may become more interested.

THIRTEENTH WARD.

The kindergarten work at the Thirteenth Ward has been unusually pleasant during the season which has just closed. This fact has been due to several things; the teachers have worked together under the able direction of our well loved chairman, Mrs. Coffin. Mr. Leherr has been a kind and faithful janitor; and we have had able assistance from the band of volunteers from the Sandusky Street Baptist Church. On the opening day, Mr. Chas. Dunn, Mounted Officer, on duty in the Thirteenth Ward, offered us his assistance whenever we felt that we needed it. I am glad to say that that time never arrived. However we were always glad of his cheery "good-morning" during opening exercises. There was a time when we would have been glad to have had an officer of the law say something more than that but our children have improved!

After having just completed my fifth year's work on Troy Hill I can safely say that the little people of that district really love to come to "summer school."

It is with great pleasure that I submit to you my report of the work done in the Thirteenth Ward in the summer of nineteen hundred and eleven.

It has been a most thoroughly delightful summer and it is with regret that we will leave next Tuesday morning.

The children seem so interested and most of them delight in trying to make the work as successful as possible.

They entered with spirit into the games, their favorites being, "Soldier Boy," "Five Little Chickadees," and "The Farmer in the Dell."

The assistance given by the volunteers was most helpful and was certainly appreciated.

Though Summer School opened during the hottest days Allegheny has experienced for years, the attendance was just as large and the children just as enthusiastic as ever.

The first morning of school after opening exercises, we heard a little boy crying loudly. Upon inquiring as to the cause of his grief, he said he wanted to go to Summer School. We assured him that he was there and would soon go in, if he would just step in line. He continued crying so hard to go to Summer School that his older brother had to take him home. However he appeared the next day and every day afterwards was to be seen playing happily with the other little folks.

The creative instinct of the child seems to be the predominating impulse during the five short weeks of work and play. Every child, even the smallest wants to make something, and "Can we have it to keep at the end of school?" is an often recurring question.

It would take a volume to tell all of the funny and interesting things that have happened, but the one which impressed me mostly, was the way the children interpret for each other. When I told one boy to get some more raffia, and he stared at me in the blankest manner possible, one of his friends came up, and giving him a pinch said, "Ah! she means get some more straw."

I sincerely think that this has been our most successful summer and a great deal of our success is due to the inspiration and encouragement which our faithful chairman, Mrs. Coffin, has given us.

Another happy and helpful five weeks in the Summer Playground, and it is with some regret that I say good-bye to the merry little comrades.

The Sewing class of the Thirteenth Ward, opened with a large attendance. Eager, joyous and willing girls, and a choice company of boys greeted Miss Freese and myself on the first morning. What a roomful, and how we did cut out bags, pinballs, aprons, tea-towels, waists, dresses and swimming-suits.

Although on the last day of Summer School of 1910, we felt that we knew the little folks quite well, but during these five weeks we have had a splendid opportunity to get better acquainted, and by playing games, volley ball and telling stories, the acquaintance has grown to good friendship.

On exhibition day, the result of our work was displayed, and considering the short time in which to accomplish anything, the sewing exhibit received many compliments from our beloved President, Mrs. Cowley, and our efficient Industrial Supervisor, Miss Boswell.

One morning as I sat on the steps, I noticed one of my little girls, crocheting as hard as she could. The desire to learn to

crochet became so strong, that I immediately asked the child if she would teach me. From that time on, I have been receiving lessons in crocheting from one of my own little pupils. We are never too old to learn and by giving help of one kind we can receive help of another.

One of the boys worked industriously on a swimming -suit and had much joy in its completion. It was trimmed in gorgeous red, and will be the only one of its kind to be seen in the swimming-pool.

Very handsome dresses were made by two girls, and the stitches were as neat as machine stitching.

The total enrollment was 120 with an average attendance of 98, which showed a very deep appreciation of the Summer School on the part of the children, when there are so many other counter attractions.

We are much indebted to our faithful chairman, Mrs. Coffin, who came almost every day with her bright cheerful smile to welcome the teachers and pupils.

And at the close of this report, I can say with one of the little folks, "Oh! is Summer School over so soon, I wish we were just starting."

The work this year has been thoroughly enjoyable. I am only sorry it does not last longer. I hope the children have benefited as much by it as I have.

They have all seemed interested and have worked very industriously during the short five weeks. We had several boys in the class of whom we are proud. One especially who has outshone most of the girls with his neat work. He made a bathing suit for himself and is now hemstitching a handkerchief for his mother.

The cooking department, like all other departments of the Summer Schools, is not lacking in pupils. There is only one drawback to it and that is the number of pupils to a class is limited and all the girls want to take cooking. It is a case of first there first served and the girls who are not there the first day, come almost daily to see if anyone has dropped out and if there is room for them. It is wonderful the change that takes place in those girls in the few short weeks they have. At first, it is hard to make them work neatly, and to use the dish towels only for the purpose for which they were intended. Before two weeks have passed they learn to work neatly, and leave the kitchen in order. They take a great interest in their desks and are quick to report, if the girl who used the desk before has left anything dirty. One



A STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER AT WORK. *Photograph by Mrs. Cowley.*



A FAVORITE EXERCISE. *Photograph by Mrs. Cowley.*



day, I had occasion to open one of the desks after the girls had left and found a note reading, "Please leave this desk in order." This shows the interest the girls take in keeping the place clean. But this change is not limited to the class room, for there is also a great change in the girls' personal appearance. I feel as the girls do, that this is the best department of the Summer Schools, and I am sorry that more cannot get the benefit of it.

"Land where our fathers died, land where the Pilgrims cried" was the new version of "America" which I heard at Troy Hill the second day of summer school. But the thirteenth ward vacation school was not a place where the children cried. Even if there were not enough volley balls and basket balls to go round, the boys and the girls tried to be patient and good natured and wait their turn.

The children were enthusiastic both in work and in play. Volley Ball and the Jumping Stand, were probably most popular, and yet every day the smaller boys had exciting Indian ball games and the girls were impatient to practice drills for exhibition Day. Unfortunately after the preparation, we discovered that the Parochial School picnic was scheduled for the same day and it claimed the presence of the majority of the children.

The five weeks have brought many pleasant friendships and happy memories and have made me an enthusiastic adherent of Mrs. Cowley and her work.

The class in manual training in the 13th ward opened with an enrollment of about 30 boys ranging in ages from 10 to 16 years. During the first week there were several more boys desirous of starting in the class and for several days the attendance ran as high as 40. But by the simple process of elimination several of the less industrious ones were dropped; several secured work and the rest of us got along very nicely with an average daily attendance of 30.

The first week proved a little difficult, getting acquainted with the boys and ascertaining the old and the new ones. After that the work was graded to suit the ability and skill of the individual. The new boys were set to work making match boxes, neck-tie racks, tooth brush holders, thin swords and daggers which can easily be cut out with the knife. Several of the boys belong to the manual training class conducted during the winter and were therefore farther advanced. They made waste-baskets, flower-stands, tabourets, wash benches, etc. It was no trouble to keep the boys busy as they were very anxious to work and to make something. Often they would come with requests from their mother to make sleeve boards or some other useful article.

The boys on Troy Hill are not quite as good base ball players as their neighbors on Spring Hill. We organized a team however and played the schedule of five games.

It was hard to get the boys to put away the tools at twelve o'clock and towards the close of the summer session expressions of regret were heard from all sides. But the boys seemed very happy and satisfied with the things they had made and received their box of candy on the last day with a hearty appreciation for the benefits and delights of the summer school work.

HALL STREET FIFTEENTH WARD.

"When you die and go to Heaven, it will be just like playground, only there will be lots more big folks there."

This compliment of a little child of the 15th Ward Hall Street School will tell you how we value and enjoy every moment of the five weeks of playground work.

Our children have been very unselfish and helpful to each other this year and we feel that perhaps a little of the influence of last summer's playground experiences has lingered with them.

The occupation work of the Kindergarten hour has appealed strongly to the children. For instance, they made butterflies of bright tissue paper, one morning. In the afternoon we found some of the children coming out of a store, making the same kind of butterflies from paper in which "all day suckers" and other candy had been wrapped.

Miss Knox and Miss Trimble who were our chairmen, were very helpful to us in bringing volunteer workers and in becoming personally interested in our children.

It seems to me that a great deal of the success of the Playground work in the North Side is due to the fact that the leaders in the cause have given their hearts and not only their heads and their hands to its service.

Library books were distributed for the first time this year and the children enjoyed them immensely and want them again next summer.

To Mrs. Cowley, Mrs. Stofiel, Mr. Chatham and all others who contributed to our happiness we express our gratitude as children and teachers, and we look forward to as delightful experiences next year as we have had this year.

Summer School is a great treat to many of these little ones who have never seen "really and truly" country and who say they always know "summer's here because summer school's begun!"

How they do enjoy themselves with the sand, the wagons, the bean-bags, and most of all their "knitters." These knitters have a great fascination, not only for kindergarten children, but also for the older children. Strange to say, green is seemingly their favorite color although there is not a predominance of Irish. But our children have not only been having a very good time, they are learning courtesy and unselfishness. The "Gim'me a piece of yarn," of the first week is now "Please give me a piece of yarn;" and the new boy or girl soon learns from the example of the others that he is expected to say, "Please" and "Thank-you" for things given him. Reminders are not often necessary.

The children's very evident great enjoyment converts the teacher's "task" to pure pleasure. Our pleasure has been shared this year with our volunteers, who proved themselves of great assistance in amusing and caring for the children. One of the children's mother, Mrs. Charles Wood has been of invaluable aid in her very frequent visits. She has shown her most kindly interest and appreciation of the work being done here, by spending many of her mornings with our kindergarten tots.

My first year in the Allegheny Vacation Schools has been a very interesting and successful one.

The eagerness and enthusiasm of the children in their work was remarkable. Having had basketry the summer before they were thus prepared to go on with the larger baskets, and many were the larger strong waste baskets and market baskets that were made.

Almost every boy and many of the girls looked forward to the making of such a basket as the height of their ambition for the summer.

In that way they did splendid work on the smaller baskets as they could not undertake the larger ones until they could make good small ones.

Many of the children would await me at the gate, and ask questions about their baskets and were so very anxious to go up and work, but reluctant to stop.

Not only was the enthusiasm shown in the school, but it was carried into the homes as I learned from the parents. Mothers and fathers and older brothers and sisters were interested. Two mothers remarked that they wished there were such schools in their day.

In all, this term has been a most interesting and profitable one to me, and the children and all concerned.

The second year of Playground work in our school was quite as successful as the first, and fully came up to my expecta-

tions in as much as the sewing was far superior to last year's both in execution and development of ideas.

The little girls' interest never lagged and it was always with reluctance that the work was put away for play hour and dismissal. The boys were enthusiastic at first and some of them accomplished a great deal, but some of them, especially the older ones, seemed to crave a more manly art than sewing.

The mothers took a great interest in the work, and there was seldom a day that we did not have one or more mothers at school. They seemed pleased that their children were making such useful things. It did my heart good to see the smiling faces the last couple of days of school when the little ones came to me to display the articles they had made and were wearing. A visitor on exhibition day asked me if the children were instructed in school and then took their work home and did it by machine. She was amazed when I told her that every stitch was done by hand, and wondered at the amount accomplished in so short a time.

I was pleased to see nearly all my old pupils back and most of the ones missed, I learned were helping to make a living.

The co-operation of our principal, chairman, and all the teachers was certainly conducive to pleasant environment. The officers of the association and the supervisors were always liberal with their praise, which was very encouraging and comforting.

The children anticipated Friday with a great deal of pleasure, for on that day they were taken to the kindergarten and allowed to sing the popular airs and listen to music provided by one of our many volunteers. The flowers which were given to the children were a great source of joy. One day I noticed fully a dozen children crowding around the pump wetting the stems and covering their blossoms with their wet handkerchiefs. One mother told me that her four children changed the water on their flowers daily and woe to the one who dared throw them away before new ones arrived.

MEYRAN AVENUE FIFTEENTH WARD.

When I learned I was to be placed in the Fifteenth Ward and that it was a new school the thought came to me how hard it might be, and when the first morning came and I arrived at the school, I was much surprised to find so many happy little faces ready for work, and so eager to know what we did at Summer Playground.

When the first day's work was ended, I was much encouraged as the Principal, Mr. Chatham, was there, and Mrs. Chatham, our willing chairman, who both took such a deep interest in all the work during the summer.

We had such a lovely ground so cool and breezy, and the children were all very happy in their work.

Miss Bailey, my assistant, was loved by all, the children, for her whole heart was in her work.

When school closed we all felt our summer had been very successful with our many willing volunteers, and all felt sorry that Vacation School was ended.

At the close of the first season of playground work of the 15th Ward, Meyran Avenue, there is one thing in particular that I wish to bring to your attention—that is the interest shown by the parents. It was not only encouraging to the children, but to the teachers and helped to make our exhibition a success and one long to be remembered. There are many little incidents which have made a lasting impression, among them, the little “squabbles as to who would carry the flag and beat the drum.” These were usually ended by Nathan, our little smiling “Home” boy being the proud drummer. One thing that I’ve enjoyed this year is the cordial greeting that we received each morning. Some of the children brought us bunches of flowers or even a single geranium, while others of the older children would rush to show us how much work they had accomplished since the morning before. And now in closing I want to say that I hope next year, that we will each feel better acquainted with the other and have more pleasant play-hours together.

The Basketry at the Meyran Avenue School has been very pleasant and successful. We started our work promptly on the first day of school, and each day zeal and interest were added to the work.

One thing which was most noticeable, was their cheerful spirit, always willing to obey, and ever ready to help one another.

There were more than fifty boys and girls weaving as though each day were the last opportunity to make a basket. They would often say, “We don’t want to play, we want to make baskets.”

A great many of the girls entered the sewing class, and it was not long after each one was given something to sew on, that they all became more and more interested. Indeed they became so interested that they would gladly have given up their play hours during certain days of the week, for sewing. But as soon as they were told of “Field Day” and of the things they were to do on that day, we had no trouble getting them down on the play-

ground. They all showed good spirit in everything, and like the rest of the children regretted to see school close. The summer has been a profitable and a most interesting one, more so, because the chairman and her committee took great interest in the children and were always ready to help us when difficulties would arise.

The Manual Training department of our school has been very profitable and pleasant.

The ideal play for a boy is to do something and be able to see what he has done.

If you wish to keep a boy in a good humor and out of trouble, give him a pen knife and a piece of wood, and the whole problem is solved.

You have done this, and more. You have placed in our hands such tools and benches that we could make many useful things for the homes, and at the same time gain a training that educates the hand and eye.

It quickens and develops observation, cultivates the moral faculties of perseverance, order, neatness, and reliance. It awakens the artistic faculties and directs the child toward the beautiful and true. It satisfies and cultivates the child's instinct for activity and excites pleasure in acquisition of skill. It provides opportunity for development and practise for the inventive and constructive talent and affords free scope for imagination.

Our only regret is that our term is now ended and we cannot continue our pleasant work together. Mr. Orr was most helpful.

PHIPPS PARK.

We were greeted July 5th at Phipps Playground by a crowd of happy children.

The attendance varied somewhat during the term, but still, there was a good average attendance.

As usual a great interest was manifested by the children in all lines from their happy games and plays, as well as the knitting spools and other occupations.

Could the kind friends who donated the flowers each Friday only have the satisfaction of seeing the children from the largest to the smallest, eagerly watching for the distribution of the flowers, and the happy expression on the faces on receiving them, they would feel repaid I am sure for the time and labor spent.

We were glad to have with us on different occasions our worthy President, Mrs. Cowley, and our ever faithful chairman,

Mrs. Whitehead, both of whom encouraged us by their presence and kindly suggestions.

Sometimes a little child would be in doubt whether he wanted to come in the Kindergarten room or not, then we would tell him what the occupation would be and he would be willing to come in. It seemed that the children loved to make things more than they did the games. When the material would be passed for the occupation our director would show them how to make their occupation work, then we would go around the room to see if they had made it right. The joy on their faces was pleasing to see when they had succeeded.

Although we had fewer volunteer workers this year, yet our chairman, Mrs. Whitehead, seemed to see all that was to be done, which helped us so much.

The children enjoy the kindergarten work very much. I have found out that the little songs and the making of small paper articles were the most interesting for the little ones.

It is certainly amusing to hear the little tots talk. One day a few boys were running home and another boy seeing them yelled, "Are you in a hurry when you run?"

Although the manual training interested the larger boys and the sewing class the girls, the smaller boys proved very apt pupils in the Basketry class. They were very fond of working with the high colored raphia.

They wanted to sew all the time. I had to almost drive them out for play-hour. However, when I explained the necessity of exercise and recreation they accepted the inevitable and put their whole hearts into the games.

We made several things, but nearly everyone wanted to make a bathing suit, because "you could stay in the Lake just as long as you wanted, if you had your own suit," which of course they could not. It only seemed so to them.

During the past season of 1911 the Summer playground work at the Phipps Playground proved a decided success, and the changed look of happiness and health upon the faces of the boys and girls of the 1st. Ward proved that the efforts of the teachers

and of the Association, to develop both mentally and physically by open air recreation and employment, had been blessed.

Considering our limited equipment for Manual Training Instruction both the quantity and the quality of work accomplished was very satisfactory. A number of interesting pieces of wood work were constructed by our small boys, who were conscientiously interested and willing to combine their play with work in the making of things useful and pretty.

The field meet of the Association which was held at the Phipps Playground, after being postponed, proved a decided success and one of the best ever held. It was indeed a pleasure to see our children all together, so full of pure life and enjoyment.

The teachers of our playground were all most congenial and co-operative in making the past Summer a success. I also wish to thank Mrs. Cowley our President, and Mrs. Whitehead, our chairman, for their untiring and willing support.

Closing, I was pleased to be interested in such a noble work, I shall try to be with the Association next Summer.

This department did very good work during the past summer. The classes in the afternoons were not very large at any one day owing to the irregularity in attendance. I think the girls enjoyed their work very much. Each girl cut out her own garment, thus learning to use a pattern, which helped her in making garments at home. Having had the class last year there was not so much work to be ripped out, as they knew it must be done right.

During our play period we had two teams to play base ball; on other days we had physical culture, basket ball, and some of the songs and ring games. The girls enjoyed their days at Lake Elizabeth very much.

On August twenty-fifth, as the little folks gathered around me to receive the work which they had done in the afternoons and which we had used for our exhibition of the preceding day, I seemed to realize more clearly than ever before just what those bright colored tissue papers and folding papers mean to little hearts and what possibilities they see behind them. It was a very disagreeable day; rain was falling in very generous quantities everywhere; but nearly all the "steady regulars" were present to receive their so-called "things." The few, whose parents had kept them at home, sent requests with their friends that they might have their much valued specimens of handiwork.

As usual, many, cunning incidents occurred, to be stored away among the treasures of the teacher's memories. One of these many illustrate

A little miss of seven years approached me on the afternoon before the field day and remarked: "To-morrow is exhibition, isn't it?" "At least, it is Field Day and the work will be up on display," was my reply. "Well, isn't that too bad," she said, "I really meant to make myself a dress and I guess there wouldn't be time enough now. Would there?"

Despite a hard struggle to refrain from smiling, I managed to assure her with much gravity that she was "just too late."

Attendance Report for Kindergarten and Playground children at afternoon session at Phipps Park:

1st. Week—618.

2nd. Week—652.

3rd. Week—524.

4th. Week—512.

5th. Week—550.

6th. Week—611.

7th. Week—495.

3 days—186 (rain! rain!)

The above figures include, as nearly as I was able to keep the record, all the attendance on the grounds exclusive of the children counted in the sewing and basketry classes.

The indoor kindergarten classes averaged 25.

WOODS RUN PLAYGROUND.

Location—Petrel Street, Near Industrial House.

The opening of the Woods Run afternoon and Saturday Playground the first of June was one of great rejoicing. The children were so happy that another summer was here and the many good times that were in store for them.

It seemed the chief aim and thought, was to begin work, such as basketry and sewing, their Indian Baskets were far superior in workmanship, after the completion of this term.

Articles in sewing were doll dresses, aprons, bags, etc. The larger girls embroidered shirtwaists and collars, this being the first work of the kind, was done with accuracy and neatness.

Several children enjoyed stringing beads, selecting the brightest ones, some showed great taste in arranging the colors; one day I noticed a little girl with her string around her neck very tight. I said oh! take those off, I am sure you will choke, "No! No!" she replied, "I sleep wi'f 'em on." Up to the closing she still had her beads and it shows how they appreciate what they make.

The mothers took an active interest in the playground, they paid us visits almost every day, all said they feel at ease now, as they know where their children are.

We had an exhibition in August which showed a marked improvement over the last years' work.

Thanks are due Miss Rebecca Lindsay and Miss Anna M. Smith for the faithful and inspiring help as volunteers, also our chairman, Mrs. Fueller.

Our successful term closed September 30, '11, all children wished we could just have one month longer, even though the weather was quite cool. We bid each one farewell, hoping for a happy term to come.

The following is my report for the Woods Run Playground during summer of 1911.

The results of the interest shown by the Playground Association in the boys of Woods Run are more marked each year. Old, as well as young, delight to participate in the clean, wholesome sports provided for them. Some of the foreigners who worked at night in the mills, found time in the afternoons to join us in our fun. These were made as welcome as any of the rest.

The games were so arranged as to keep the large and small boys separated. The large boys were permitted to use the baseball field the first part of the afternoon, and the small boys the latter part. This method served to protect the small boys, and we were fortunate enough not to have had one serious accident during the entire term, four months.

As usual baseball was the most popular game. Running, jumping, quoits, football, and indoor baseball were also played with a vim. Through the kindness of Mr. Brown, we enjoyed swimming parties at the Irwin Avenue Pool. Our boys are excellent swimmers, and were eager to show their superiority.

Our baseball team had a very successful season. The boys had bought new suits, and made a very good appearance on the field. Saturday afternoons our lot was too small to hold the crowd.

Each day the boys ran to meet me as I approached the Industrial Home. They were always anxious to start and reluctant to stop. The attendance, although varying from day to day, grew as the season progressed. After school opened in September the attendance fell off considerably.

The lot next to the penitentiary wall came in very handy. There in the shade the small boys spent many a pleasant afternoon.

We broke several windows in the Industrial House while playing baseball, and I think it would be a good plan to have

heavier screens cover the windows on this side of the house next to the ball field. Our supplies were locked up, and an inventory sent to you. Thanks should be given to Mrs. Scott, Head Worker of Industrial Home, for her hearty co-operation.

In all the season was a decided success. These boys are gradually learning how to play together without quarreling, and each year finds them more ready to comply with the golden rule.

HOME FOR COLORED CHILDREN.

The Termon Avenue Colored Home has thoroughly enjoyed another summer of fun and good times. The children have been very kind, courteous and helpful to the teachers at all times during our five week's of work and pleasure and we as teachers and friends have tried to do our best to make them have as much pleasure out of the vacation school as possible. The little children in the kindergarten department were always eager and ready to work at occupation period because they always had in mind "Our Exhibition Day."

If the question, "Is this for Our Exhibition," was answered once, it was answered dozens of times.

The greatest event of the summer was the water melon party which the teachers gave the children as a surprise. They were all seated on the grass expecting to have their pictures taken, but when a pan filled with water melon was carried out there was not a child to be seen sitting on the grass. Such yells and shrieks of pure delight and such jumping up and down is hard to describe. At any rate six large water melons disappeared like snow before the sun. If Mrs. Cowley could only have been there to have taken a picture of the seventy, all eating a piece of water melon, I'm sure it would have taken a prize.

We thank Mrs. Cowley and Mrs. Stofiel for their interest and words of cheer during this summer for we needed them quite often and hope that each year we are in the work we will become better teachers and better friends to the little children who need us.

Everyone in the Home, from Miss Dalzell down, was kind to the teachers; and helped to make the playground a success for the two months, My assistant took my place during the last three weeks of August.

To say that this term has been the most delightful experience of my kindergarten work is making a very mild statement.

The little colored children seemed exceptionally appreciative of every effort put forth to make them happy. This was proven

in many instances, one of which I particularly wish to mention. One morning as they all marched proudly in and presented their basketry teacher with a box, we of course all crowded around to look upon the contents which was a beautiful hand-embroidered collar and jabot. It really was pathetic when they told of how they collected their pennies and each having contributed, raised fifty cents for which to pay Marietta, the nurse, for making it.

At the end of the term the children presented also to each of the kindergarten teachers a large waste paper basket which showed much work and care had been put on them. These were surely much appreciated.

Each day brought new enthusiasm to lighten our work.

Their chief ambition from day to day, the preparation for exhibition day. They took a great pride in their work making it as accurately as possible so they might have their names written on each piece and hung up for the many expected spectators. They felt much satisfaction and amply repaid when they overheard the many complimentary remarks made upon their work.

My hope for them is that they may spend as happy and joyous term next year as they have had this year.

Summer school opened with vim and enthusiasm July 5th at the "Termon Avenue Home for Colored Children."

Little busy black hands took up the fascinating tasks of weaving mats, baskets, whips and various other articles from bright colored raffia. The past week or two the girls especially manufactured fetching doll hats trimmed in the latest fashion with bits of ribbon and velvet and flowers to the envy and admiration of the boys who tried to out do the little ladies by making whips and lines with which to play horse.

The work has been one round of pleasure to teacher and pupils alike for the entire term. Many agreeable and amusing things taking place in connection with the more serious and instructive side.

One windy day the teacher happened to place a strand of raffia about her head to keep stray locks in place, when quicker than lightning each little worker did the same

This little incident proves how children love to imitate and woe betide the one who does not set a good and loving example to each and every one of the little folks.

FIRST ALLEGHENY DAY NURSERY AND TEMPORARY HOME FOR CHILDREN.

The Temporary Home, in its pleasant locality, is certainly an ideal place to hold a Summer play ground.

On July 5th, the children were eagerly awaiting the opening of their first Vacation School

The teachers were cordially greeted by Mrs. Marshall and Miss Hazel Fuller.

These two ladies were always very courteous and constantly willing to co-operate with us in our work.

Miss Hazel always gave us valuable assistance in our weekly Friday concerts.

The children were ever ready to welcome Miss Egbert when she came Wednesdays to teach them games.

We built our sand pile around a pear tree which gave us delightful shade.

The swing was beneath an apple tree.

Our indoor work was done in the cool spacious barn

In this barn we held our exhibition and drills on August 7th.

We were on that day glad to welcome our untiring President, Secretary and the various Supervisors.

Everyone was delighted with the barn as part of our playground.

We had with us on that day, Mrs. Giles, Mrs. McConnell, Mrs. Boyd, Mrs. Heis and Mrs. Smith, all members of the board of Managers of the Home.

We were very glad to welcome them.

They were so pleased with the beautiful display of baskets which the children had made under the direction of Miss Erma Jones. Miss Sara Bishop was a most faithful volunteer assistant in Baskerty. She came every day at the hour for opening school and remained until school was dismissed.

Miss Minnie Hansen came frequently and assisted in kindergarten work, both in games and occupation.

We were very fortunate in having such able assistants.

The children under Mrs. Marshall's and Miss Hazel's supervision kept the barn clean, rigging it with shelves for our use.

Everything we asked for was so cheerfully and readily done for us.

The children had so many funny nick names. There were, 'Doc,' and 'Pickles,' 'Joy-foot' and 'Billiken' and last but not least, 'Fritzi Scheff.' 'Fritzi' particularly insisted upon being called by her nick name.

And "Fritzi" certainly was able to hold the center of the stage on most occasions, for nothing seemed complete without her.

She never was more happy than on what she called "lovely flower day."

The Board of Managers, and our Association agreed, to prolong the term, giving the children an additional three weeks of play in sand pile and swings.

With the close of my fifth year of summer school work I feel greater enthusiasm than ever for the work that is making the vacation so pleasant for so many of our little children in Allegheny. It was a new experience for me to work in the Children's Home. You can come into closer contact with the children there than is possible in the schools where there are more children and can get a better opportunity to help them.

Many of these children come from the worst homes in the city, and to put them in such a pleasant home surrounded by those beautiful trees and yard to play in, with the proper training, cannot fail to have an influence on their lives and give them better standards.

We worked out in a large, open barn in which the children had built shelves and boxes to keep the raffia and reed in, and kept it neat and clean. The children were very fond of making baskets. None of them had ever made any before and the experience fascinated them. Their wonder knew no bounds as they saw their work develop from day to day into beautiful baskets. They were very patient and careful in their work as well as ambitious.

The play hour was also delightful. On those warm July days, when we were too hot to play any more, we would sit under a tree and read fairy stories, and their imaginations would take them out of the hard and cruel life they had known to a "castle in Spain."

Other days we would go down through the fields to River-view Park to spend the play hour walking and studying the birds or visiting the monkeys, which always delighted the children.

At the close of the eight weeks we had a little field day of our own, when the children vied with each other as to who was best in their games, sports, and dances. The eight week's were full of happiness and good friendship for all of us, and we were sorry to see them pass so swiftly.

Mrs. Marshall and Miss "Hazel" were very kind and helpful to us.

**REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF EQUIPMENT AND
SUPPLIES.****MRS. G. L. W. PRICE.**

Years of experience have enabled us to secure a tabulated list of the industrial department in the different vacation schools so that our orders may be promptly and accurately given. If the work were uniform this task would be lighter; but it will never be possible to make it absolutely so, on account of varying attendance and varying tastes in the different localities. One set of children may "love" the toy knitters while others may view them with indifference. A few of the wards contain embryo artists; while the others disdain brush and colorbox. On one thing they all agree—the raffia and reed are indispensable adjuncts—also that baskets of every shape and color are highly desirable possessions for both boys and girls. It is curious the fascination that basketry holds for them. The boys as well as the girls are becoming expert with the needle. No one can deny that there are times when it may be highly desirable for boy or man to know how to patch or sew on buttons. It has become impossible to secure the lists of donations but our friends know that we are grateful for them. The following items cover our expenditures for 1911.

Equipment and Supplies	\$5730.93
Treat	552.63
Flags	36.27
Piano Hire	30.00
Total	<hr/> \$6349.83

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 1911.

Adair, Mrs. James.....	\$ 5.00
Arnold, Mr. James T.....	25.00
Boggs and Buhl.....	50.00
Byers, Mrs. Martha.....	25.00
Byrnes, Mrs. Clarence.....	25.00
Carr, Mr. William A.....	10.00
Chalfant, The Misses.....	20.00
Clapp, Mrs. Geo. H.....	10.00
Clause, Mrs. W. L.....	10.00
Crittenden, Mrs. William.....	5.00
Culbertson, Mrs. John D.....	5.00
Darlington, Mrs. Harry.....	200.00
DuPuy, Mrs. Herbert.....	100.00
Harbison, Mrs. Ralph W.....	10.00
Hay, Mr. J. Walter.....	10.00
Heinz, H. J. & Co.....	25.00
Holdship, Mr. C. F.....	25.00
Hill, Miss Winona.....	5.00
Jamison, Mrs. Kate A.....	200.00
Jamison, Mrs. Isabella H.....	10.00
Kelly, Mrs. Samuel R.....	25.00
Laughlin, Mrs. Alexander Jr.....	50.00
Laughlin, Mrs. Alexander.....	10.00
McKnight, Mrs. Charles.....	25.00
Oliver, Mrs. Henry W.....	100.00
Oliver, Mrs. James B.....	25.00
Park, Miss Eleanor G.....	50.00
Phipps, Mr. Henry.....	200.00
Pontefract, Mrs. Elizabeth W.....	20.00
Sawyer, Miss S. Eleanor.....	10.00
Tener, Mrs. Geo. E.....	15.00
Thaw, Mrs. William Jr.....	100.00
Thompson, Mrs. William R.....	50.00
Trimble, Miss Mary A.....	5.00



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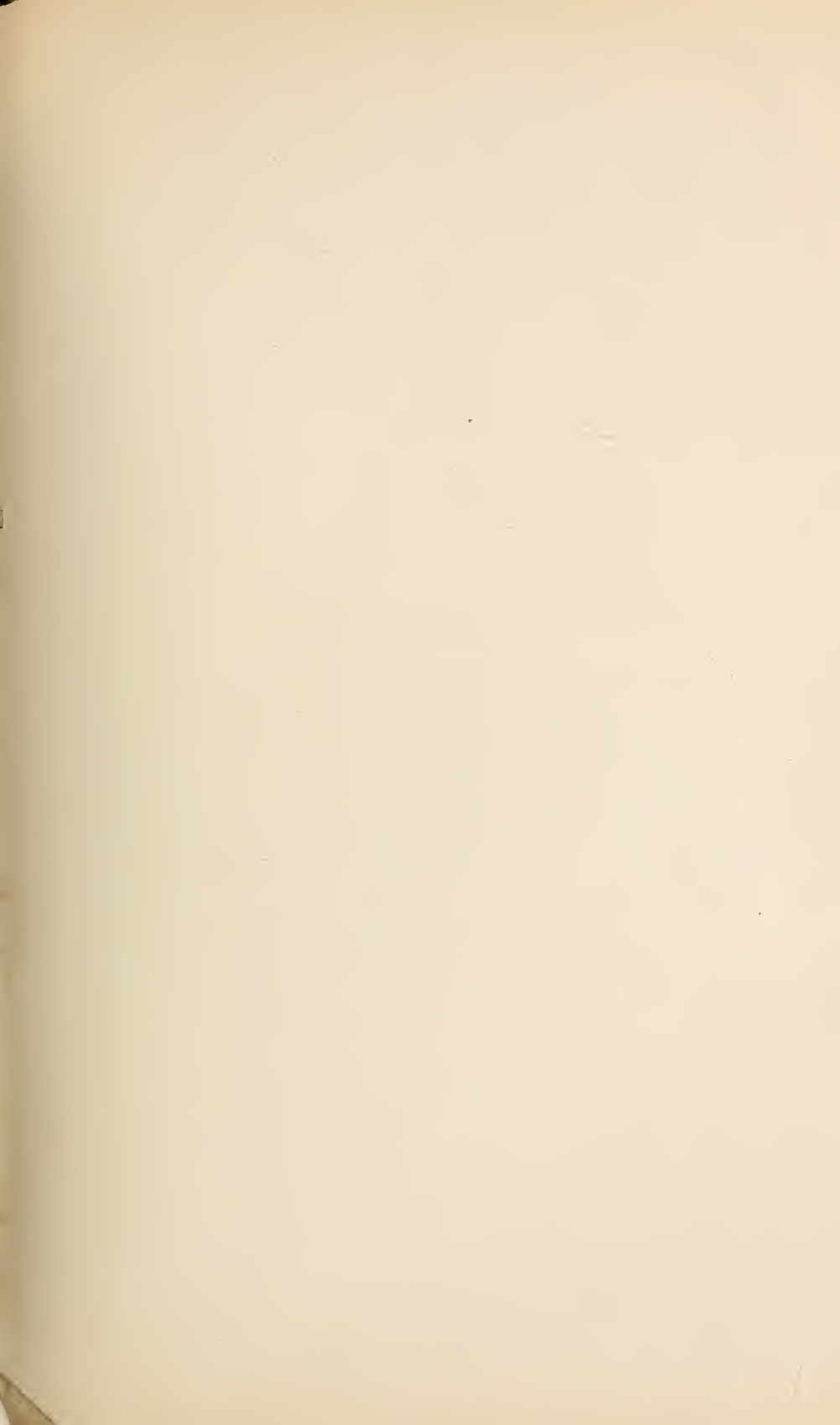
Wallace, Mrs. William.....	\$ 5.00
Wardrop, Mrs. Robert.....	5.00
Willock, Miss Lillian.....	20.00
Total	<u>\$1,490.00</u>

CLUBS AND ASSOCIATIONS.

Ladies' Alliance, Unitarian Church N. S.....	\$ 5.00
Ladies Auxiliary to Ascalon Commandery.....	5.00
Home and Hospital Club of Bellevue.....	10.00
New Era Club.....	50.00
Tourists' Club.....	10.00
Travellers' Club.....	5.00
Pittsburg Chapter of Daughters of American Revolution	15.00
Sandusky Street Baptist Band of Workers.....	2.00
Wimodausis Club.....	25.00
Woman's Club of Sewickley Valley.....	25.00
Total	<u>\$ 152.00</u>

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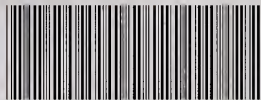
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